THE WEATHER.

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FOUR SCORE CHILDREN TRAMPLED TO DEATH BY PANIC STRICKEN CROWD

Seventy-Four Meet Death When False Alarm of Fire is Given at Christmas Tree Celebration in Calumet, Michigan—Other Bodies May Have Been Removed by Their Friends—Exits Blocked, Bodies Fill Stairs.

PROUD PARENTS SEE DEATH OF OFFSPRING

Children Awaiting the Arrival of Santa Claus Are Made the Victims of a Practical Joke—Hysterical Mothers Fight Rescuers When Corpses Are Brought Forth.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 24.—Eighty persons, mostly children, were killed tonight at a Christmas celebration of copper mine strikers in an Italian hall because of a needless panic caused by a false alarm of fire.

While several hundred miners and their wives looked on the children pressed eagerly toward the stage to receive Christmas presents. At this point a man put his head in at the door of the hall and yelled "Fire."

The cry was taken up by those in the hall. Everyone started for the doors. The weaker were thrown to the floor and those behind tried to climb over those ahead of them.

The stairway and other avenues of egress were blocked so effectually that those inside could not get out and those without could not get in to aid the panic-stricken crowd in the hall. It was some time before the panic subsided.

The alarm was spread outside the hall by a few persons who had been near the door and escaped unaurt. A crowd soon assembled and the work of clearing the hall was begun.

The principal exit was a narrow stairway at the back of the hall. When this had been cleared of the bodies that filled it to the top and a quick accounting had been made it was found that seventy-four corpses had been piled up beside the hall building. It is thought that a dozen others were carried away by friends.

The Dead Removed.

The dead that were piled up beside the hall included 37 girls, 19 boys 13 women and 5 men

Excited men and women stood about the building, some dazed by the sudden change from holiday festivities to tragedy, others calling hysterically for missing children and a few even threatening violence to the rescuers for keeping them back from the long row of bodies.

There was not much work for the many doctors who hurried to the scene as soon as the alarm was spread for those who were killed in the first rush were held upright and safe by the very force of the onrush towards the exit. Only three injured persons were taken to hospitals and a few went home assisted by friends.

For many days the children of the copper mine strikers had waited expectantly for the Christmas tree exercises that had been arranged by the women auxiliary of the Western Federation of Miners. The entertainment was set for the early evening, and the hall, which is on the second floor, was soon filled to its limit. The children selected to recite Christmas selections and sing carols had finished their part of the programme and the man selected to play the part of Santa Claus had appeared to distribute the presents that were piled around the large illuminated tree.

The children were instructed to march up the aisles to the tree so that the presents could be handed to them. The aisles were filled with the boys and girls, when a large, bearded man thrust his head in at the door of the main hallway and shouted "fire."

Tiny Mites Crushed.

The cry was repeated throughout the room in several languages as parents rose and rushed forward to get their shildren.

Many lives were crushed out in almost a twinkling. Then the physical impossibility of their movement brought the panicky persons to their sense. It was realized too late that there was no fire, but most of those in the hall could not get out of the jam they had caused.

Policemen and firemen hurried to the building. Several officers climbed the fire escapes and entered by the windows. In a short time the injured and the faint had been pulled from the tangle of human beings and placed in the front of the hall.

Bodies Removed.

Other men began to pull the bodies of the dead and helpless from the stairway and lay them in a room beside the building. This disposition of the crumpled bodies was found in advisable because of the hysteria it caused among the spectators, and the dead were carried back into the hall as soon as it was emptied of frightened spectators. All the chairs were lined with bodies and corpses had to be placed in the kitchen of the hall, and beneath the stage.

Within an hour almost every person in Calumet was as near the scenes as it was possible to get. The police formed a cordon about the place and kept back the crowd. After much effort a lane was opened through the crowd and the bodies of the children were carried through ranks of moaning and wailing women to Red Jacket village hall which was turned into a morgue. It was many hours before all the bodies were identified.

Identifications Wrong.

During the confusion several bodies of children were wrongly identified by mothers and taken away, only to be returned later by the parents who had found their own offspring safe. Many parents ran about uncertain whether their children were dead or alive. Many mothers fainted while fathers cursed all those who interfered with their mad search for lost girls and boys.

For hours frantic women ran the streets calling for their little ones.

Of the 700 persons in the hall more than three-fourths were children, many of them having gone without their parents. These fathers and mothers soon rushed to the scene and added to the confusion. They did not understand what had taken place and hindered the rescuers by insisting on information as to what was the matter.

There was a fire escape at the rear of the building, but only those who were very near it could make any use of it until after the fatal rush was over. Probably not more than a hundred persons escaped by this means. About a score more jumped from the windows near which they sat. As it was not many feet from the ground the jump did not cause injury.

Regular Death Trap.

The Italian hall was built about five years ago and was well provided for emergencies, it was thought. The entrance was a hallway about 10 feet deep. A stairway about eight feet wide led up from this vestibule to a small landing about eight by ten feet. The main door of the hall opened on this landing. There is a small cloak room about ten feet square to one side of the main door. Loss of life was heavy at the small door of this room. The rush apparently turned many against the door and crushed them to death.

The greatest number of dead in any one place, however, was at the bottom of the stairway. Those who reached the stairs first evidently were hurled to the bottom by those behind and in this fashion the stairway was filled almost to the ceiling.

That death in most instances was due to suffocation under the weight of those who fell last was indicated by the fact that few of the corpses bore marks of injuries. Bodies were crumpled and broken, but the features were not cut or bruised.

There Was no Fire.

It was ascertained that there was no fire at or near the building to cause the alarm. Even the Christmas tree did not show any evidence of fire. It was lighted by electricity.

Mrs. Annie Clemens, president of the Woman's Auxiliary in charge of the entertainment, said she was on the stage directing the distribution of gifts when the panic started. She said when the fire cry spread through the house the women in charge tried to stem the on-rush, but their shouts that nothing was wrong were futile.

Even the children were seized with panic, but the small children, many not more than five years old, were soon deprived of fear with the snuffing out of their lives under the heels of the larger persons. One man was seen to stop to take up his little girl, only to be pushed with such force that he trod her beneath his feet. A woman who ran to seize three small boys, was seen to fall as she sought to shield them in her arms.

A search was begun tonight for the man who caused the panic. Some strikers asserted that they had reason to believe that the man was a member of the Citizens' Alliance, recently organized in the mining field. This charge was quickly denied by alliance members, hundreds of whom were early on the scene aiding in the removal of bodies and caring for the injured and bereaved.

It was said that the man came up the stairs from a saloon below, and that his breath smelled strongly of alcohol. Many swore vengeance if the man who caused the catastrophe could be found.

The coroner tonight began to impanel a jury to make a thorough investigation.

Among the men killed in the hall was John P. Westloa, secretary of the Finnish Mutual Life Insurance Co., in Calumet.

HUMAN FLY DEAD.

Man Who Climbed Face of Buildings Without a Ladder.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Olaf Czarnowski, a steeple jack, known throughout the country as "The Human Fly", was found dying today on the first floor landing of the St. Francis hotel annex, now in process of construction. His skull was fractured and nearly every bone in hic body was broken. Apparently he had a terrible fall, but where he fell from or when, no person knew.

Czarnowski was speechless, though half conscious. He had not been employed on the building and no one had seen him enter the annex.

LAWYER SHOT FROM AMBUSH

Attempt Made to Assassinate C. J. Glover, of Bailey, While Sitting in His Office Last Night.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 24.—C. J. Glover, a prominent lawyer of Bailey, a small town on the Norfolk Southern, a few miles west of here, was shot in the back tonight at 8 o'clock while sitting in his office, and his condition is considered critical.

This is the second attempt within three months to assassinate Mr. Glover, made by unknown persons. The shot was fired by some person on the outside of his office.

Bloodhounds were brought from Tarboro, and a man hunt was begun by officers.

Boston, Dec. 24.—Joseph J. Lannin, of New York and this city, was elected president of the Boston American League baseball club today. He succeeds James R. McAleer, of Youngstown, O., whose interests, together with those of Chicago men, he recently acquired.

MANY MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREES

Cities All Over Land Making the Poor People Happy.

LARGE BASKETS DISTRIBUTED

Washington City Displays Large Electric Sign Reading "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man." Thousands Celebrate.

New York, Dec. 24.—That the public out-of-door Christmas tree is a success was shown here again tonight, when two of the tallest and stateliest conifers to be found in the East, attracted many thousand New Yorkers to Madison Square and City Hall parks. The innovation had its inception last year with an organization known as the "Idealists," the enthusiastic reception then given the undertaking being responsible for the repetition of the event tonight.

The Christmas tree of the "Idealists" stands in Madison Square, the site used last season. The "Insurga-

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REBEL SOLDIERS RETAKE TORREON

Twelve Thousand Men Take Part in Engagement There.

HAVE WAR-TIME CHRISTMAS

The Ringing of Bells Cracked by Cannon Balls Heard Throughout the Northern Part—Armies Celebrate Meagrely.

Chilhuahua, Mexico, 24.—Forty-two hundred rebel cavalry with ten cannon and six machine guns, have left Chihuahua to begin the long delayed attack on the federals at Ojinaga opposite Presidio, Texas. The rebels, commanded by General Ortego, have been ordered to exterminate the federals or drive them across the United States border.

"Sweep the border clear of federals and do not take any prisoners," was General Francisco Villa's order to General Ortego. "There must not be a federal alive on this side of the border."

General Villa said if the Federal

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WILSON EN ROUTE TO VACATION HOME

Shook Hands With North Carolina "Clod-Hopper."

POINTS OUT FORMER HOME

To His Daughters As Special Train Changes Engines at Gainsville—One Member of Family Missing For First Time.

On Board President Wilson's Special, Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.—Christmas eve was spent quietly by President Wilson and his family on board their private car en route to Pass Christian, Miss., where they will arrive at daybreak. After an all day journey through the Carolinas and Georgia, which brought recollections of the Wilson's early residence in these parts the family dined together, spent a short while in the observation parlor and retired early.

One member of the family circle was missing for the first time on Christmas eve, the second daughter Mrs. Frances Bowers Sayers who is on a honey moon trip in Europe. Her absence was re-called especially to the group as the train stopped at Gainesville, Ga., where she, as well as the President's eldest daughter Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson were born, 26 and 28 years ago respectively.

The President and Mrs. Wilson stood on tne car platform and pointed out the house to their daughters—the Misses Eleanor and Margaret.

"Where's Tom Haney?" asked the President of the handful of persons who had gathered at the rear of the train.

"Here he is," said a voice, as the individual referred to, a somewhat aged but vigorous looking station master appeared.

The President and the station master shook hands warmly. Haney has been station master for nearly fifty years and remembers the family well.

House Closed Up.

"Who lives in the house?" the President asked, and the station master knew by the direction of the questioner's nod that he meant the birth place of his daughters.

"Nobody, its closed up" said Haney, "but how are you, Mr. President, we hear you have been ill?"

"I'm quite well" replied the President smilingly.

"May be you had better not stand out in the cold" cautioned some one in the crowd and the President thanked them for their solicitude.

The engines were changed quickly and the train started while the handful of spectators waved good bye. The day's ride was a restful one. The President slept during the afternoon and did no work on his correspondence. In Atlanta during the stop, he left the train with Dr. Grayson. This was the first time he had left the car since it started from the capital, although during the day he had appeared on the rer platform at many stations and shaken hands with hundreds who crowded around.

The President slept until late this morning and was not disturbed by the crowds that gathered at many stations through which his train passed during the early forenoon. Later, however, as he came through North and South Carolina, he appeared several times on the car platform and was greeted by great throngs of admirers.

"You are the greatest American living or dead!" exclaimed an aged individual in one of these crowds.

"Thank you," smiled the President.

Shake hands with an old Carolina clod-hopper," said a tall, long haired man wearing high boots bespattered with mud.

"Certainly" laughed Mr. Wilson, leaning over the car rail.

Many women brought their babies to see the President and Mr. Wilson greeted them all.

"Merry Christmas-" "A happy vacation!" frequently was called out.

Representative Harrison of Mississippi, in whose district Pass Christian is located, traveled with the part and conferred during the day with the President regarding arrangements for isolation and quiet during Mr. Wilson vacation.

MARSHALL THINKS NEED NO MORE LEGISLATION.

Vice President Against Making New Anti-Trust Law.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, who arrived here today for the holiday vacation, while expressing great pleasure over the enactment of the tariff and currency laws, said he did not believe the Democratic party ought to undertake any further legislation at this time. He declared that there is no need for any anti-trust legislation at present in view of the enactment of the two important measures.

"I am happy over the things that have been accomplished," said the Vice President. "The Democratic party has done something that it was thought impossible to do—it stood together, that is why we have the two important measures, the tariff law revision act and the currency law.

"My personal opinion is that this is all the Democratic party ought to undertake now. These two new laws are enough. Let's wait and see how they work out. I believe sincerely they will prove the solution of the country's problems."

Paris, Dec. 24.—Willie Lewis, the American middleweight, and Marcel Moreau, the French middleweight, fought 20 rounds to a draw tonight.

Special dance tonight at the Elite. (advertisement.)

NO HALF WAY WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED

Trusts Who Agree to Dissolve Must Mean Business.

FOLLOW DEPARTMENT IDEAS

Attorney General McReynolds is Spending Christmas Holidays in Kentucky—Work to be Continued on Return.

Washington, Dec. 24.—When Attorney General McReynolds agreed with the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., for a reorganization of that concern to make it fit the groove the courts have hewed out for the anti-trust act, he gave rise to speculation in the minds of alleged trust makers that has brought upon the Department of Justice scores of inquiries about the possibility of other agreements of like tenor.

Mr. McReynolds left Washington for Kentucky last Saturday and will not return until next week. In his absence there is no one authorized to act for him in taking up fresh proffers from trusts which wish to reform. The inquiries and reports of negotiations and protective agreements have persisted, however, and in the list of inquirers those interested in what are regarded at the department as some of the most important suits that have been filed in many years.

Mr. McReynolds has made it plain that he is not willing to accept offers which do not meaen a reform in accord with the department's own ideas.

Few Cases in Court.

There are in process of adjudication in the courts less than a dozen anti-trust cases that are regarded as of supreme importance, either as to their bearing on points in the anti-trust law yet to be ruled upon or as to their effect upon big combinations. In this list are the action against the United States Steel Corporation, the International Harvester Company, the United Shoe Machinery Company, the Motion Picture Patents Company, the Eastman Kodak Company, and the Reading Railway Co. Suits have been begun against the American Can Co., and an alleged combination of wholesale and manufacturing jewelers and there are many other in process of trial or under consideration which officials do not look upon as of prime importance. No suit is pending against the New Haven railroad, but it has been an open secret for several months that one was in contemplation when that company began negotiations with the department.

Of the suits enumerated no authentic advances have come from the Steel Corporation, the Harvester, the Kodak Co., the Reading Co., or the Can Co. So far as the government's lawyers knew these concerns expect to fight to the end. Negotiations with the United Shoe Machinery Co., have been in progress for a long time. Department officials say the shot company is not inclined to accede to Mr. McReynolds' demands.

Representatives of the Motion Picture Co., and the jewelers have been in conference several times during the last few weeks with Mr. McReynolds and G. C. Todd, the assistant attorney general in charge of trust prosecutions.

EXAMINATIONS FOR FOURTH CLASS POSTMASTERSHIP.

To Be Held In North Carolina In February—Over 500 Offices.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Announcement has been made of the schedule of dates on which Civil Service examinations will be held for fourth class postmastership in North Carolina, in cases where the annual pay is $180 or more, and where the present incumbent was not appointed under the Civil Service regulations. This is by order of President Wilson, who took this means to partially nullify the blanket order of President Taft, which otherwise would have perpetuated Republicans in office during their lifetime. About 550 post-offices in North Carolina are concerned.

The schedule is as follows:

February 7—Albemarle, Beaufort, Bolivia, Burgaw, Carthage, Clarkton, Columbus, Currituck, Danbury, Garland, Jacksonville, Jefferson, Kelford, Lake Toxaway, Lincolnton, Marion, Marshall, Mocksville, Roxboro, Rutherfordton, Smithfield, Swanquarter, Warsaw, Williamston.

February 9—Yadkinville. February 10—Wilkesboro. February 12—Sparta.

February 14—Asheville, Burlington, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Concord, Danville, Va., Dunn, Durham, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Hamlet, Henderson, Hendersonville, Hickory, High Point, Kinston, Laurinburg, Lenoir, Lexington, Lumberton, Monroe, Morganton, Mount Airy, Newbern, Oxford, Raleigh, Reidsville, Rockingham, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Sanford, Shelby, Statesville Tarboro, Thomasville, Wadesboro, Washington, Waynesville, Wilmington, Wilson, Winston-Salem.

February 16—Boone. February 18—Newland. February 19—Bakersville.

February 20—Asheboro, Gatesville, Columbia, Halifax.

RELIANCE IS SOLD.

Former Defender of American Cup to be Dismantled.

New York, Dec. 24.—America's defender Reliance, once queen of all yachts, started upon the last leg of her career today when C. Oliver Islin, head of the syndicate that built her ten years ago, sold her to Capt. Leonard Miller, who was associated skipper with the late Capt. Chas. Barr.

What the sale price of the Reliance was could not be learned. Her original cost was $800,000. It is expected the new owner will dismantle her.

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CREATES PANIC ON A TRAIN

Negro Kills His Wife and Shoots at Conductor on Southern Railway West of Asheville.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 24.—Passengers on Southern train No. 36, arriving here this morning, told of the creation of a panic on the train a short distance from Hot Springs, N. C., by Fletcher House, colored, when he opened fire on his wife, Bertie House, killing her instantly. Following the killing of his wife the negro is reported to have opened fire in the train, shooting in all directions.

The conductor, Capt. Howard Crawford, of Knoxville, was attracted to the car reserved for the use of the colored people, by the commotion, and the negro is reported to have leveled his gun at the official, when the latter drew his weapon from his pocket and shot at the unruly passenger. The latter fled to the rear of the car and jumped from the moving train, which was going at a rate of 40 miles an hour, according to reports.

A message from Hot Springs tonight was to the effect that the negro was only slightly wounded and was captured by officers of that town immediately after he jumped from the train.

The body of the negress was brought to this city.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 24.—The 300-mile motorcycle race which was to have been run here tomorrow morning, has been postponed until Saturday morning on account of a steady rain which has been falling all day.

BIG CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

South Carolina Lady Makes Big Donation to Y. M. C. A.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 24.—Mrs. A. E. Judd, whose husband was president of the first bank in Spartanburg, tonight announced a gift of $30,000 to be divided equally between the Y. M. C. A., Converse college and the Textile Industrial Institute. The Y. M. C. A. and the Textile Institute are erecting buildings now and Mrs. Judd's gift makes certain the addition of a science hall to converse college buildings.

OUTLINES

Eighty children were ground to death beneath the trampling feet of a panic-stricken crowd in Michigan last night, during a Christmas tree celebration, when a false alarm of fire was given.

President Wilson shook hands with hundreds, as he sped through North and South Carolina and Georgia yesterday, on his way to his holiday home in Mississippi.

Attorney General McReynolds made it plain that corporations following the lead of the Telephone trust in dissolving and reorganizing, would be required to toe the mark, and no half-way business allowed.

A negro created quite a bit of excitement on a train going into Asheville last night, when he killed his wife and later took a few shots at the conductor.

Cities all over the land are taking up the plan of Municipal Christmas Trees.

New York Markets: Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 12.90; gulf, 12.85; no sales. Money on call, firm, 3 1-4@4; ruling rate, 3 1-2; closing, 3 1-2@4. Time loans, easier. Wheat, steady; No. 2, red, 99 1-2@1.01; No. 1, Northern Duluth, 98*. Corn, steady. Flour, inactive. Rosin, quiet. Turpentine, steady.

MILITARY MEETING MONDAY

Advisory Board of State National Guard to Convene Monday to Consider New Regulations.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Adjutant General Laurence W. Young has called a special meeting of the State Military Advisory Board to convene here next Monday for the special purpose of taking action looking to adjusting the North Carolina Guard to the new regulations by the War Department as set out in Circular 8, just issued. This makes decided changes in the number of assistants recognized by the War Department regulations for the administrative staff of the various state guards.

Under the new regulations, the Government will recognize only one assistant with the rank of major for the adjutant general's department, instead of six as at present; two majors and three captains for the quartermaster corps instead of four majors and eight captains as heretofore; one major for the inspector general's department instead of four assistants; none for the engineer's department; none for the pay department; one major for the ordance department instead of one lieutenant colonel and six majors; one for the judge advocate general's department instead of five. There are no other special changes. These changes will not have the effect of depriving the other assistants in the various divisions of their commissions, but simply renders

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ARRESTED AT LUMBERTON

Two Young White Men Charged with Attempted Assault of Prominent Young Ladies.

(By Telephone to the Morning Star.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 24.—Chief of Police H. H. Redfern this evening arrested Austin DeCoach, aged 21, and Roy Hayes, aged 16, charged with attempting assault of two prominent young ladies on the street here Saturday night. They are in jail, to await a hearing.

The Lumberton Robesonian, of Monday carried the following story of the attempted assault:

There was quite a bit of excitement in town for a while Saturday evening about 9 o'clock when the news went out that some unknown man had attempted to assault Misses Lillie and Bertha Barker, daughters of Mr. W. P. Barker, while en route from Mr. Q. T. Williams' home on Tenth street, to their home on Elm street.

They were walking the sidewalk in front of Mr. J. Q. Beckwith's residence, Tenth street, when an unknown white man stepped from behind a tree and caught Miss Bertha by the throat. She pushed the man loose and both of the ladies screamed and ran into the house of Mr. Alf. H. McLeod, corner of Tenth and Elm. The ladies were very much frightened and as soon as they could explain the trouble to Mr. McLeod he grabbed his pistol and ran out in search of the man.

Chief of Police H. H. Redfern and Sheriff R. T. Lewis were notified at once and a diligent search was made for the unknown party, but as yet no one has been arrested. The ladies say they saw only one man, but it is thought that the second man was nearby. Neither one of the ladies was hurt, but both of them were very much frightened.

M'ADOO IS PRESIDENT.

Absence of Other Officials Leaves Him Ranking Officer.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary McAdoo will be acting President of the United States tomorrow. In the absence of President Wilson, Vice President Marshall, and Secretary Bryan, he becomes the ranking official left in Washington for Christmas day.

Speaker Clark, after having Christmas dinner with his family, will leave for a lecture tour in New England which will continue until Congress re-assembles on January 12th. Secretary Bryan is at his winter home in Florida. Secretary Garrison will spend a few days in New Jersey. Secretary Daniels will dine in Washington, but will later go to Raleigh, N. C.

All other cabinet officers will dine at their homes here with the exception of Attorney General McReynolds, who will spend Christmas day with his mother at Elkton, Ky.

CONFERS WITH HENESSY.

Whitman Dispatches Officers for Up-State Witnesses.

New York, Dec. 24.—District Attorney Whitman had a conference today with John A. Hennessy, ex-Governor Sulzer's former graft investigator and an ex-inspector of highways, whose identity could not be learned. Mr. Hennessy had hardly left the building before subpoena servers were on their way to various cities up-state.

The harvest is expected to be at least 20 important witnesses for the John Doe hearing that wil be resumed Monday. Moreover, there are likely to be seven or eight new witnesses to appear on Tuesday at the grand jury inquiry into the highway and barge canal graft.

Under these auspices Mr. Whitman, it is understood, expects to blaze the graft trail direct to Albany.

INDIAN BALL PLAYER DEAD.

Won Fame as Professional Baseball Player—Dropped Dead.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 24.—Louis Sockalexis, a Penobscot Indian, who won fame as a ball player, dropped dead of heart disease, while engaged in logging operations at Burlington today. Sockalexis was born 41 years ago. His paternal grandfather was governor of the Penobscots. Louis was an uncle of Andrew Sockalexis, the Marathon runner. Like his nephew, Louis Sockalexis was a natural athlete and could run 100 yards in ten seconds when at his best. He became known as a baseball player in 1895-96, when he played center field on the Holy Cross team. In 1897 he was an outfielder for the Cleveland Americans. Afterwards he played on teams in the minor leagues of New England.

NEW COMET VISIBLE.

To Natural Eye Before Long in This Country.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Delavan's comet, the latest stranger in the sky to come within the range of the telescopes of expert star gazers, may be visible to the naked eye soon. The comet is drawing nearer the earth, although up to last night it was not to be seen by a less powerful glass than the five-inch finder of the great telescope at the naval observatory here.

The comet was discovered by Paul T. Delavan, of the Argentine naval observatory at LaPlata. It was first observed in this country by Prof. Asaph Hall, U. S. N., at the naval observatory Thursday night, December 18th.

Big Parcel Post Business.

From December 18th until last night, a period of one week, there were sent from the Wilmington postoffice 1,066 large canvas bags of parcel post packages. This is an average of over 150 a day, which will give some idea of the immense amount of mail matter of this nature dispatched by the local office during the holiday season. When it is remembered that this is the first Christmas that the parcel post has been in use it can be readily seen that it is becoming very popular with its patrons. It has been handled with quickness and dispatch and last night there was not a single package that had been left over for any reason. It was handled with a systematic ease that was indeed remarkable, and Postmaster Green deserves the greatest credit for the splendid success that he has achieved.

Young People Married.

Mr. Frederick Thomas Southerland and Miss Maybelle Carter were happily married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at Trinity Methodist church parsonage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. L. Rexford. Both young people are from this city and have mnay friends who will extend hearty congratulations.

Fireworks—And the largest and finest assortment of Christmas candies ever shown in Wilmington. Warren's, Front and Market.—Advertisement. 9t.

REBEL SOLDIERS

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generals, Orozco and Roja, are captured, they are to be shot as traitors.

Loaded in six trains with large supplies of ammunition the Ojinaga expedition left here, purposing to travel by train as far as Hermigas and thence to march overland to Ojinaga.

The bottling up of the Federals in Torreon, 200 miles south of here, the occupation by the rebels of part of the city and the rebel capture of Lardo and Gomez Palacio, important adjoining towns, were confirmed in reports received today. General Monclovio Harrara, however, was not wounded, as had been reported.

The rebel despatches said General Herrera now had Torreon practically controlled with little loss of life and that he would await further reinforcements before attempting a rout of the federals under General Valesco. The Federal telegraph to Monterey and Saltillo was cut and should General Valesco be driven eastward it was said he would have no alternative but a desperate retreat.

Despite General Villa's statement to the United States government that he is not detaining wives and children of men who have left the country, it is known that he has denied them facilities to leave. The demand for trains for military purposes was given as a reason for not providing means to transport the Mexican families who wish to leave.

One million pesos in rebel money has been issued under the seal of the State of Chihuahua. This greatly relieves the financial situation.

Americans Notified.

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 24.—United States Army officers today received word of the rebel advance toward Ojeinga opposite here. It is believed that the Mexican federals if driven hard will attempt to cross into the United States, rather than fall into the hands of the rebels.

Torreon Re-captured.

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 24.—Torreon has been re-captured by the rebels, according to reports brought here today by couriers. The advices said heavy fighting, in which 12,000 men engaged, preceded the fall of the Federal stronghold. There was great loss of life, and Gen. Monclova Herra, rebel commander, was wounded.

Rebel authorities here said the report was not official, but they were inclined to believe it. An attack on Torreon, they said, would have been in line with the insurgent plan of campaign.

The Federal garrison of 6,000 was said to be fleeing toward Saltillo. Their commander is Gen. Velasco.

Torreon is a center for railroads running from the border south, and from Monterey.

War-time Christmas.

Juarez, Dec. 24.—Churches deprived of their priests and the ringing of bells cracked by cannon balls, will mark a war-time Christmas in Northern Mexico.

With their arms and artillery fixed for a possible battle, the rebels as part of their religious observances will have Christmas in a meagre way throughout their lines from Juarez to Chihuahua City.

The cathedral, the church and the convent at Chihuahua are emptied of the priests and nuns who usually conducted Christmas services there, but who were forced to flee by Gen. Villa's decree expelling the Spaniards.

In local Mexican churches officials will conduct services, while from the belfries of the cathedral will ring one of the bells cracked by cannon bals.

In Juarez masses are to be held by the rebels in their little 17th century church of the Spanish mission type. The portals and tower of the building are scarred by bullets.

News from Washington.

Washington, Dec. 24.—With any impending danger to life or property of foreigners on the coasts of Mexico well guarded against by United States warships and with the Huerta government apparently growing weaker and weaker as its financial condition becoming acute, President Wilson expressed satisfaction with the operation of the American Mexican policy before leaving for his Christmas holiday.

Arrangements were made by the President with the State Department to keep him informed at Pass Christian of any unusual developments in Mexico.

Few dispatches were received by the State Department today, nothing official having been heard by the reported re-capture of Torreon by the rebels, news of which came from Juarez.

Relief orders from the Navy Department today relating to battleships in Mexican waters made no change in the number of warships to remain in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Michigan will be relieved by the Minnesota and the New Jersey by the Georgia.

The Minnesota will leave Philadelphia for Mexican waters on January 2nd. On the same day the Georgia will sail from Boston. The New Hampshire and Louisiana relieved by the Connecticut and Kansas, which reached Vera Cruz yesterday, will sail to Norfolk.

Fletcher to Vera Cruz.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Fletcher returned to Vera Cruz today aboard the United States battleship Rhode Island. John Lind, President Wilson's envoy, and the American consul, W. C. Canada, will join him for Christmas dinner on the flagship.

Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock in command of the British war ships, and a party of British officers, left this morning ostensibly on a hunting trip in the neighborhood of Jalapa.

MONUMENT TO CUNNINGHAM.

Was Editor of the Confederate Veteran at Nashville.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—A movement looking to the erection of a monument to the memory of Col. Sumner A. Cunningham, who died recently in Nashville, Tenn., was inaugurated here today at a meeting of Confederate veterans held in the office of Gen. Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans. It is proposed that Southern people unite in raising a fund for the purpose, no subscription to be more than $5.

The memorial would be known as the "People's Monument," and would be an acknowledgment of the appreciation of the people of the South of the efforts of Col. Cunningham as editor of the Confederate Veteran to perpetuate the story of the courage of the Confederate soldier and the heroism of the Confederacy's women.

Washington, Dec. 24. — Secretaries Daniels and Garrison found on their desks today Christmas gifts from Andrew Carnegie. A recently published cartoon satirizing war, with a plea for international peace, was the ironmaster's remembrance to the heads of the two departments of National defense.

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STILL AFTER DESPERADO.

Deputies Have Cold Day of it in Snow.

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 24.—Deep in snow on the narrow shelves of the canyon wall the posse seeking Ralph Lopez, slayer of six men, spent a cold Christmas eve guarding the tunnel mouths of the Utha-Apex mine. Discovered today of the existence of an old incline leading from the upper to the lower working through which the desperado may have escaped, added discouragment to their discomfort. It is probably that the mine will be opened and searched on Friday.

ARREST EX-CONVICTS.

Detectives Find Full Printing Plant for Counterfeiting.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Government detectives today arrested here two ex-convicts and took possession of a full outfit for printing counterfeit five and ten dollar bills. The men are Edward Wescott and Otto Allen.

The printing outfit was set up in a flat. More than 4,000 counterfeit bills were printed and stacked up behind the counterfeiters' press.

Why Number Is Repeated.

Why does the telephone operator always repeat the number called for by a subscriber? This question probably has occurred to nearly every one, and the answer is given in The New York Telephone Review. The reason is that the "calling party" may have an opportunity to correct the operator if she makes an error. The operators, however, are trained to expect some kind of an answer. Their attention being keyed up to receive a possible correction in case they make a mistake, it would be of great assistance if they were given a polite "thank you" or some other affirmative answer in case they repeat the number correctly.

Origin of Steeplechasing.

The Grand National, though the chief event of the steeplechasing world, was not established until 1839, because the steeplechase is a late development of horse racing introduced about a century ago from Ireland. It was originally, as the name implies, a cross-country contest between hunting men, who made some distant church steeple their winning post. The earliest recorded match of the kind was run in 1752, from Buttevant church to the spire of St. Leger church, in county Cork. But what is considered "the first regular steeplechase" followed the festivity of an Irish hunt dinner in 1803.—Westminster Gazette.

We wish you a Merry Christmas.
Haar's. (advertisement)

TORTURED BY UGLY ITCHING ERUPTION

Doctor Recommended Resinol. Half of a 50c Jar Cured It.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 5, 1912.—"My little daughter was taken with a very small spot on the back of her hand. It grew larger and caused her more trouble. When she would scratch it, it would bleed and get very ugly looking, so I doctored it myself for about a year, and at last it broke out on both knees, and when she would go to bed she would scratch, and was so tortured and suffered so from the itching, that I took her to our doctor, who recommended Resinol Soap and Resinol Ointment.

"I sent for samples and after the first application the itching and inflammation was improved, and I kept it up night and morning, and by the time the sample was gone she complained very little, so I got a fifty-cent jar, and before that was half gone the trouble had entirely disappeared." (Signed) Mrs. Maude Schmechel, 2737 Presbury Street.

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What Company?

A theatrical manager was told by a train conductor that his ticket was only for twelve people and that fourteen claimed to be members of his company.

"I have only twelve people," said the manager, as he walked through the cars with the conductor to identify them.

"And those two men?" inquired the conductor, pointing to two young fellows who were innocently watching the proceedings.

"They are not my people," denied the manager.

The conductor approached the men with a detective glint in the eye, and said sternly:

'You said company when I asked for your tickets—now what company do you belong to?"

"Wells Fargo Express company," was the impudent answer, as they quickly brought forth money to pay their fares.

Hint to the Tax Gatherer.

The difficulty Mr. Lloyd-George has had in deciding what to tax and what to leave untaxed in this year's budget recalls the story told of an earlier chancellor of the exchequer who was reduced to despair in similar circumstances.

Finally he decided to consult a friend who had on several occasions helped him to find fresh sources of revenue and having written to this friend he waited hopefully for his reply.

The friend's suggestion came by return of post.

"Put a tax on umbrellas," he wrote, "and make the bishops order the prayer for rain to be read in all the churches!"—Pearson's Weekly.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 24.—After the defense had moved to dismiss the indictment against State Senator G. A. Hobbs, charged with receiving and soliciting bribes and the motion was overruled here today, a Christmas recess was taken until Friday morning.

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Blank Cartridges.
Brass Cuspidors, 50c and $1.00.
Brass Fire Dogs, $5.00 to $7.50.
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Cake Chests, Extra fine, $2.00 and $3.00.
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Thermos Bottles, $1.00 to $5.00.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover.—In the Superior Court, October Term, A. D. 1913.
M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn, vs. Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company.—Advertisement.
Whereas, at the October Term, A. D. 1913, of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in a cause pending wherein M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chadbourn were plaintiffs and Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company defendants, a judgment or decree was entered in said cause, appointing the undersigned Commissioner, and in and by said decree the undersigned, as Commissioner, was authorized and directed, after advertising the same for thirty days, to sell at public auction the following described property, to-wit: Six Hundred (600) Shares of the Capital Stock of the Ocean Fisheries Company and the indebtedness due by the Ocean Fisheries Company, amounting to the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Four and 93-100 ($26,104.93) Dollars to the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, together with the rights of the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company against the Ocean Fisheries Company, on said indebtedness;
Now, Therefore, in pursuance to the said decree, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1913, at 12 o'clock M., on said day, at the Court House door, expose for sale by public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above-described property.
E. K. BRYAN,
Commissioner.
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NOTICE.

$25.00 reward will be paid for evidence to convict any person or corporation who sets fire that burns any of my lands in this or any other county in this State. D. L. GORE, 120 N. Water Street, Wilmington, N. C.

NEW ENTERPRISES REPORTED

Industrial and Developmental Undertakings in Southern States, in Manufacturers' Record.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—Among the many Southern industrial and other developmental enterprises reported in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record are the following:

Victor Motor Car Co., Greenville, S. C., was incorporated with capital stock of $100,000 to manufacture automobiles, will build electrically operated plant to have an annual capacity of 2,000.

Wichita Pipe Line Co., Wichita, Kas., filed mortgage to secure $2,000,000 bond issue to construct proposed pipe line from Pigehart, Okla., into Cushing gas field, a distance of 50 miles; Creek County Gas Co., of Cushing will deliver 40,000,000 feet of gas daily to pipe line company and latter will deliver gas to Quapaw Gas Co., Wichita Gas Co., and Portland Gas & Pipe Line Co.

New York Central Iron Works Co., Hagerstown, Md., was incorporated with capital stock of $225,000 to establish iron foundry.

Freeze-Bacon Hosiery Mills, Hendersonville, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of $50,000 to manufacture hosiery.

Birmingham Railway Light & Power Co., Birmingham, Ala., contemplates remodeling and extending gas plant and distributing system at a reported expenditure of $500,000.

Premier Coal, Oil & Gas Co., St. Matthews, Ky., was incorporated with capital stock of $60,000 to develop coal lands, etc.

Woodbury-Foster Lumber Co., Asheville, N. C., was incorporated with capital stock of $50,000 to manufacture lumber.

Washitah Lumber Co., Morgan City, La., was incorporated with capital stock of $100,000 to manufacture lumber.

Coleman Lumber Co., Logansport, La., will install additional machinery and increase daily capacity from 20,000 to 75,000 feet of lumber, is negotiating for timber tract and will construct 20-mile tram road.

Valk & Murdock Machine Works, Charleston, S. C., was incorporated with capital stock of $250,000.

Texas Power & Light Co., J. F. Strickland, president, Dallas, Texas, will soon begin construction of plant at Waco, Texas, reinforced concrete and brick building, 200x162 feet; arranged for future enlargement; will also construct 100 miles of transmission system for light and power.

E. D. Bedwell Coal Co., Fort Smith, Ark., was incorporated with capital stock of $50,000 to develop coal mines.

Bond-Foley Lumber Co., was incorporated with capital stock of $212,500 by Ninian U. Bond, Oakland, Md., and others; has mills in Jackson county, W. Va.

Valdese Manufacturing Co., Valdese, N. C., organized with capital stock of $125,000 and let contract to erect $10,000 mill building; will install 5,000 spindles, steam and electric plant to cost about $8,000, for manufacture of cotton yarns.

Spikes Brothers, Dalworth Park, Texas, was incorporated with capital stock of $40,000 to manufacture brooms, etc.

Ennis Lumber Co., Ennis, Texas, was incorporated with capital stock of $35,000 to manufacture lumber.

Smith Concrete Tie Co., Birmingham, Ala., was incorporated with capital stock of $50,000 to manufacture concrete ties.

NO CHRISTMAS PARDON LIST SAYS GOVERNOR BLEASE.

South Carolina Governor Issues Interesting Statement.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 24.—Contrary to his established custom, Governor Cole L. Blease will not grant any Christmas pardons tomorrow, according to a statement made by him yesterday.

"I am not going to have any list this time," said the Governor when asked about the matter. "There may be one or two, but they will have no special significance or connection with this being Christmas."

It has come to be the custom since Governor Blease has been in office for him to celebrate practically each Thanksgiving Day and Christmas by granting clemency to convicts, and it has come to be looked for as a matter of course by the people of the State. The lists varied but reached their high water mark with the pardoning and paroling of 105 convicts at the past Thanksgiving season.

Since he assumed office in January, 1911, Governor Blease has pardoned or paroled practically 900 convicts, the list climbing one higher with the pardoning today of Clifford Hughes, white, who was convicted of larceny at Greenville in September, 1913, and sentenced to serve 12 months on the chain gang of Greenville county.

PRANKS OF CHILDREN CAUSE CHILD'S DEATH.

Little McMillan Child Was Engulfed in Flames.

Lenoir, N. C., Dec. 24.—Friday afternoon a three-year-old child, belonging to a McMillan family, who live near Lenoir, met death in a most heartrending and pathetic manner, having been burned almost to a crisp by the pranks of other children. They were out near the home, in an old field, when they decided that they would set the broom sedge afire. The sedge blazed up so rapidly that the little child was engulfed in the flames, and burned almost beyond recognition. Its mother and neighbors came to the rescue immediately, but the little one expired soon after being carried into the home.

Red Cross Christmas Seals are the best investment in health any one can make. Science has demonstrated conclusively that tuberculosis, the world's greatest plague, of which we now have over 1,000,000 cases in the United States alone, can be prevented if these consumptives are properly cared for. In other words, every consumptive, properly cared for, insures your life against tuberculosis by the prevention of further infection from that source. Red Cross Seals help to provide hospitals, day camps, sanatoria, dispensaries, open-air schools and visiting nurses for the care, cure and prevention of tuberculosis in this community. Every seal you buy, then, is a sound investment in your own health and in that of your family. Buy your Red Cross Seals now and help to protect your home from disease.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Louise H. Sage, widely known among horse men for her interest in harness racing, died at her home here today aged 82 years.

We wish you a Merry Christmas. Haar's. (advertisement)

Members of the American Federation of Labor are called upon to further in every possible way the sale of Red Cross seals. The Federation has adopted a resolution on this subject which reads as follows:

"Whereas, the American Federation of Labor has in every possible way aided the movement for the study and prevention of tuberculosis throughout the United States and Canada, and

"Whereas, the American National Red Cross has been in the past, and is now, making an especial effort, through the sale of the Red Cross Christmas Seals, to secure funds to carry on the war against tuberculosis, and by means of the funds raised in this manner has been able to do much effective work in this direction; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the American Federation of Labor give its endorsement to the movement of the American National Red Cross and encourage its members to further in every possible way the sale of these seals in their respective communities."

BOYS SUE MAN WHO CHARGED THEM WITH CRIME

Suits For $10,000 Brought Against Mr. G. A. Barnes, of Elm City

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, Dec. 24.—Damages in the sum of $10,000 is asked by a german boy, Edward Kreuger, and another boy, Clarence Dodge, will file a similar suit today—in both instances the defendant is Mr. G. A. Barnes, of Elm City, and both suits are based upon the same incident. Last week the store of Mr. Barnes was burglarized and a quantity of merchandise taken. Several nights later the boys were arrested without a warrant and put through the "third degree"—so they allege. The boys are strangers and came from New York State and are working on a farm near Elm City. Mr. Langley, their employer, has made a searching investigation and states that the boys are of good character and good family and can easily prove an alibi. Mr. Langley came to Wilson yesterday and instituted the two suits and other legal action will follow. He proposes to fight the cases for the boys.

DEATH AT WILSON

Mrs. Tiny Barnes Passes After Several Weeys Illness.

(Special Star Cor.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Tiny Barnes, one of the highly esteemed women of Wilson, died at a local hospital Tuesday morning after an illness of several weeks. The funeral service was held at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Wednesday afternoon, the rector, Rev. C. G. Prosperi officiating. For several years Mrs. Barnes was one of the faculty of the Wilson Graded School and was widely known and loved. She leaves two daughters, Mrs J. R. Dildy of Wilson and Mrs. Yelverton of Goldsboro.

Tuesday night, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Old Fields township, Miss Bettie Jordan and Mr. George Bayette were married, Elder G. W. Boswell officiating.

The Christmas season is felt in the large number of social functions and the exercises at the various churches.

HENRY T. OGLESBY DEAD

Winterville Man Dies In a Kinston Hospital

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 24.—Henry T. Oglesby, 37, a well-known citizen of Winterville, N. C., died in a hospital here from weakness resulting from a severe attack of appendicitis, for which he had recently undergone an operation. He rallied from the operation, but the continued severity of the attack prior to the operation had so weakened him that he could not recover. He is survived by a wife and four children. Mr. Oglesby made his home in Kinston until a few years ago, and was at one time an alderman from the third ward. He engaged in the manufacturing business at Winterville. A delegation of citizens of that town came here to accompany the remains to Winterville, and a committee of Masons from Kinston returned with them. Several fraternities participated at the funeral.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT

Made Upon Kinston Negro By Bad Negress

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 24.—Louis Jones, colored, was the victim of a murderous assault here last night by Verna Crawford, a negress. Jones chastised the woman and was fined in the municipal court. After his case was concluded he returned to her home, to reappear on the street almost immediately with two severe wounds from a razor. One stroke of the keen blade split his forehead and nose, and another laid open the flesh of one hand to the bone. Jones had to be hurried to a physician's office, while officers ran the woman down on the street. Jones will recover. The woman is in jail.

QUIET IN LUMBERTON.

Merchants Highly Gratified by Holiday Business Done.

(By Telephone to The Star.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 24.—Christmas Eve passed off quietly here except for a noisy popping of firecrackers. There was a large crowd in town all day and a number of merchants seen tonight at 10 o'clock expressed themselves as highly pleased with the business done. Order has been perfect and while there was evidence of plenty of drinking, only one lone negro was arrested.

Mr. J. E. Spivey, 45 or 50 years old, died tonight at 8 o'clock at Orrum, 12 miles south of here, after an attack of pneumonia. He was a cousin of Mr. A. E. Spivey, of Lumberton.

A little boy in Houston, Tex., has been so thoroughly imbued with the meaning and significance of the Red Cross Seal Campaign that he announced his intention Saturday of foregoing all the pleasures he expected to gain from a new cart, which he intended to purchase with the nickels he has been saving, and of buying $2 worth of Red Cross Christmas Seals instead. He says he believes he would rather buy Red Cross Seals, and in that way help some one enjoy Christmas who has been having sorrow in his home during the year.

Dancing Pumps for Holidays at Peterson & Rulfs. de 25-28
(advertisement.)

Special dance tonight at the Elite.
(advertisement.)

PROTECTING THE CREDULOUS.

Frauds Flourish Because "Americans Love to be Humbugged."

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)

St. Louis, having experienced much trouble with fortune tellers, clairvoyants, seers, mediums, necromancers, and other individuals claiming supernatural endowments, has put up the bars against the entire layout by adopting an ordinance prohibiting them from following their calling in that city.

There seems to be no other way of preventing credulous persons throwing away their money on mysterious fakers who make a practice of revealing all the secrets of the past, present, and future for a consideration. Most cities put a high license on such practitioners, but no license apparently is high enough to be prohibitive. Occult things have a great fascination for a considerable portion of the American public and many of these dealers in the occult habitually play for high stakes. Consequently millions of people swap money for experience in this country every year.

A dispatch from Kansas City tells of the suicide of a young woman after a visit to a clairvoyant who had predicted for her an unhappy married life. Usually the results of such visit are not so serious, but large numbers of people have been swindled out of considerable sums of money. Louisville is no stranger to the peculiar operations of the "seer," whose chief business is to separte somebody from the savings of a lifetime.

"The American people love to be humbugged," and even wise financiers sometimes make bad investments. At the same time it ought not to be necessary in this enightened age to pass ordinances to protect people from this most common of common frauds.

BIBLE AND FLAG PRESENTED.

To Model Country School at Grainger By Jr. O. U. A. M.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 24.—The model country school at Grainger, several miles from here, was presented with a Bible and handsome set of colors by the local lodge of the Jr. O. U. R. A. M. About a score of members of the fraternity were present, and orators among them made the presentation speches, pupils accepting the gifts. A patriotic program was rendered.

The Grainger school surpasses all others of its class in Lenoir county in equipment and grounds. The interior is furnished like a parlor and the house is surreunded with flower gardens and playgrounds. A betterment association with 35 members has as its principal object the improvement of this rural school, and the patronage is enthusiastic.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—The American steamer Frieda, which went aground last night near Little Island, was floated today and proceeded to the Cirginia Capes apparently uninjured. The Frieda was bound from Sabine Pass, Texas, for Baltimore, with a cargo of sulphur. She went on the rocks in a dense fog.

Dancing Pumps for Holidays at Peterson & Rulfs. de 25-28
(advertisement.)

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For further particulars, schedules, reservations, etc., apply to Ticket Agents, Atlantic Coast Line, or address,

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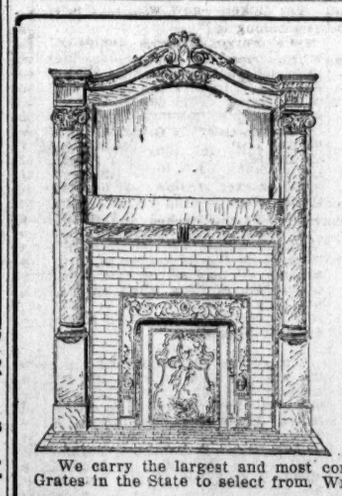

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No. 51, * 5:35 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 56, *12:20 A.M.
No. 64, ! 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65, ! 6:25 P.M.
No. 48, * 8:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P.M.
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No. 55, * 3:15 P.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, * 1:40 P.M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P.M.
No. 50, * 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A.M.
No. 42, * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Brailer, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, 10:00 A.M.
No. 57, ! 7:00 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Conway and Intermediate stations.	No. 58, ! 9:45 A.M.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT OCTOBER 6th, 1913.

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park.	EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	EASTBOUND. Leave Front and Princess for Beach.	WESTBOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington.	WESTBOUND. Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington.	WESTBOUND. Leave Beach for Wilmington.
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No. 24—10:00 A. M., from Hamlet and Intermediate points.

No. 14—11:59 A. M., from Charlotte and Intermediate points.

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Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 p.m.	2:30 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
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Thursday, December 25, 1913.

Continue to use Red Cross seals. They will be good for a week yet.

Rocky Mount is to have a paid Secretary and is going to put up a live campaign for more payrolls.

The Republicans are quietly laying plans to absorb the Progressive party as soon as it gets home from South America.

Americans spend $134,000,000 a year for candy. If there were no girls the bill would probably be $34,000,000.

New York imported a lot of her Christmas turkeys from London. The fact is, London is the biggest midleman in the world.

Republican papers are still disposed to hand President Wilson a lemon for Christmas. They don't seem to know when the fight is over.

North Carolina poets are coming to the front. Some of them are recognized abroad and are better known in the North than they are at home.

Georgia is preparing to fight the boll weevil by setting aside a broad zone that is not to grow cotton. Macon a few days ago subscribed $3,500 to fight the cotton pest.

Dr. Oschner, of Chicago, declares that the days of Cupid are numbered but the little elf will continue to be on the job when the Chicago doctor and his name are forgotten.

The news from Mexico is to the effect that "Huerta's position is growing worse." As the same time he seems to be able to hold a bad position about as well as the most of them.

A Japanese steamship line is to run to New York and Boston, and as the ships have to come right off Frying Pan lightship, we would not be surprised to see some of the ships dropping into Wilmington to finish their cargoes.

The South's representation in the next National Republican convention will be cut to about half its present strength in such gatherings. However, the South is never represented in a Republican convention. The South is always represented in Democratic councils.

The advantage of North Carolina's swamp lands is that they can be drained and irrigated by the same process. The canals in several drainage districts also are used for transportation, and especially for rafting timber cut from the valuable forests on the swamp lands.

While President Wilson is taking Christmas it is said he will take time by the forelock and formulate his position toward the trutst. It really seems that the trusts have made up their minds that the best way to get along with the President is to quit the trust business and obey the country's laws.

Minority Leader Mann thinks he is leading his party, but he is merely leading it as a calamity howler. He insists that "the country is in a state of industrial and financial panic," whereas it is only the G. O. P. that is in a panic. The trouble about men like Mann is that they regard the Republican party as the country.

Clarence H. Mackay, the telegraph and the telephone mogul, has taken issue with Postmaster General Burleson's proposition for Government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines. That shows that he does not care to sell out to the government, even if he could unload and get enough to live on the balance of his days.

That was a nice Christmas present which Senator Simmons got for the splendid generalship he displayed in pushing the tariff bill through the Senate at the extra session of Congress. It is a copy of the tariff law, handsomely bound, presented to him by his admireers and friends. All the Senators attached their autographs and bound with the copy are autograph letters from President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall, who express appraciation of the North Carolina Senator's masterful way of handling the fight for a tariff bill that carries out the pledges of the Democratic party to the people.

THE POTATO SCARE.

A Western dispatch a few days ago stated that the farmers are holding their potatoes for a dollar a bushel under the idea that higher prices are bound to prevail, both by reason of the short crop in the United States and the report that the Southern crop is affected with the scab, a disease which seems to be peculiar to Europe. The scare about the scab must have originated as a result of the action of Southern growers in demanding careful quarantine regulations on the part of the United States government to prevent the importation of diseased stock.

Potatoes are now admitted free of duty under the new tariff, and while that suits consumers, the American growers naturally feel like they ought to get the benefit of high prices owing to a short crop. However, Secretary of Agriculture Houston has given out a statement to allay the scare. He says the present potato excitement apparently is due to a misinterpretation of the yield this year. The department statistician estimates the yield at 331,525,000 bushels, which, it is stated, is considerably above the ten-year average. The department announces that the problem seems to be one merely of distribution, and that importations really are so small that they do not affect the supply to any great extent.

The total importations from foreign countries during the six years prior to the quarantine were only 1.27 per cent of the total consumption in this country. Exports varied from 177,000 bushels in 1906 to 13,000,000 bushels in 1911, a year of shortage in production, due to drought. In 1911 the crop was 38,000,000 bushels less than the estimate for the 1913 season. The department is exercising strict precautions about admitting foreign potatoes, and in the future no potatoes can be imported until importers have secured permission from the Federal horticultural board, similar to that now issued to importers of nursery stock. Potatoes must be certified by the government of the country of origin to be free from dangerous diseases and insect pests, new to or not widely prevalent in the United States, and, besides, they must be grown in a district free from wart diseases and powdery scab.

As the planting season in North Carolina will soon be here it is only necessary to warn growers to be careful about the stock they plant. They plant seed potatoes not grown here, hence they should be carefully examined. One of Secretary Houston's orders aims to protect American growers from the powdery scab and other diseases, and quarantine is made to temporarily apply to importation of potatoes from Newfoundland, Canada, the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, Great Britain, including England, Scotland and Ireland and Wales and also against potatoes from Germany, Austro-Hungary and Continental Europe.

THE NEW CURRENCY BILL

The "Bache Review", a summary of the general financial and business situation, by one of the oldest and most reliable firms in the financial district of New York, has the following interesting reflections upon the new banking and Currency Law which has just been enacted:

"The importance of this great event to the United States—to the Nation as a whole—to every individual in it—can hardly be realized. It is as if a new light were breaking over a world which had previously existed in disadvantageous darkness. A nation struggling towards freedom and which had suddenly had striken from it, the shackles of bondage would not be more comparatively released to liberty and to high civilization than will be this country under a new economic order of things, installed by a modern banking system. Since 1861, when under the exigencies of the time, a supposedly necessary condition of action was created in the Banking world, the country has been encumbered with a system of Banking and Currency which has smothered its development as with a blanket and hindered its progress at the most vital points. There has resulted as an accompaniment of this most unsound and inadequate system, a series of periodic intervals of disastrous panics, destroying hundreds of millions in property and entailing long after-periods of hard times and suffering. Under the new order of things created by a Banking bill nearly correct, all this will be relegated forever to the past.

"The Republican party had every opportunity, through a long succession of administrations, to bring about this reform. It never even changed a line in the National Banking law which produced the slightest economic improvement, or took a step towards sound banking methods.

"No more, probably, except for one man, would the Democratic party have accomplished in this direction. Its latest platform of 1912 affirmed no decisive intention in this direction, except to condemn the Central Bank of the Monetary Commission. It mapped out no alternative plan for improving the Banking and Currency system and expressed no intention of so doing. Clothed with power and under different administration than that of President Wilson, the same policy of laisser faire which has controlled all administrations for the last fifty years, would have prevailed in the Democratic regime, the Banking system would have been left as it was and we would have drifted into another fierce and destructive panic in due course, as before.

"One man has steered legislation steadily, insistently, towards reform. No other in his party would have accomplished this and to President Wilson is due the fact that the United States will now step forward fifty years at one bound, out of the shadows of financial unsoundness into the light of a new day—a day when modern economics and monetary wisdom will put into use banking machinery adequate to meet the requirements of our higher civilization and efficient to carry on the enormous commercial and banking operations of one of the greatest nations in the world."

ATTRACTING SETTLERS.

The Atlantic Coast Line has induced 3,000 people to settle in the South Atlantic States during the past twelve months. The railroad people cannot afford to induce homeseekers to go to any special portion of the South, but if the people of eastern North Coarolina emphasize the advantages of this section they are bound to get good results.

The next twelve months will determine which portion of the South is to be the country that is to be settled by the people who are coming South. It is for the people of North Carolina to decide for tuemselves whether they are to invite homeseekers that are to help to develop the country.

The railroads are helping to advertise this section as a whole but it is for each community to do something to get the most out of the systematic efforts that are being made to emphasize the resources of the country. The work of impressing people with the desirablility of the defferent localities is the part which each locality must take in seeing that it gets its share. That can be done best by local organizations and the adoption of definite settlement plans. Northern people who are locating in the South are going chiefly to the communities which have organized and which have propositions to make and inducements to offer. The ones with good schools, good roads, and churches, or a plan looking forward to securing those advantages, will beat the others to the new settlers. The movement seems to be on in earnest and in a few years this part of North Carolina ought to be experiencing great benefits from the systematic work of the railroads. Let us organize to cooperate in the good work.

STRONG TYPE OF SOUTHERNER.

It is gratifying that not only the great ability but the peculiar traits of strong character possessed by Southerners like the lamented Colonel Gaillard, of the United States Army Engineer Corps, is specially noted by the leading American papers. Col. Gaillard was a native of Winnsboro, S. C., and was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He rose to eminence as an engineer, but it took such a stupendous work as the Panama Canal to get the most out of him, yet it was at what is regarded as a terrible sacrifice. His untimely death is attributed to the long and arduous service he gave the country in performing some of the greatest engineering work on the canal.

The Wall Street Journal pays tribute to the character and ability of "a man who laid down his life in the service of his country," and stresses the fact that Col. Gaillard was "a man whose example it were well to hold up before the youth of the Nation as worthy of imitation." Over and above his ability as an engineer rises the high integrity of such men as Gaillard. For instance, the Journal pays this tribute to him and others of similarly strong character:

"He was one among a considerable group of army engineers who handled tens of millions of Government money every year without a taint or touch of graft about it, but of whom the country hears little until some such event as the passing of Colonel Gaillard calls the attention of the public to the close of a career remarkable for the sterling worth of character such as would have delighted the heart of the late J. P. Morgan as a basis for the lending of capital. Here was a man who occupied post after post where actual work and little leisure was a feature of his pursuit. Out in the open on the frontiers of duty stands a figure working out plans of constructive engineering—a spectacle which is grandly monumental, compared with that of many equally capable men no older than himself lounging in luxuriously furnished clubs.

"Colonel Gaillard, whether on the great lakes perfecting the harbors by which the heaviest kind of water tonnage is handled like clock-work in a short season of summer navigation, or at the Culebra cut forcing excavating scoops through the mountain-side, was the same faithful official at every phase of duty commited to him. Whether he was building a breakwater at Duluth or compiling the statistics of lake commerce, where he was stationed as a young engineer, or battling like Sisyphus with landslide, after landslide, he brought the mountain to his terms in making the world's age-long dream a reality at Panama.

"The lesson of the principles and practices of the great engineering profession was dominated by as true a mind and as clear-cut a conscience as any people could wish to embody in sculpturing its best types of national character."

TAFT FOR ROOT.

Ex-President Taft is for Senator Root as the next Republican nominee for President. The Senator is the biggest man the party has brought to the surface during the last twelve months, and the indications are that he will lead the Republican party in the next Presidential campaign.

It seems that Senator Root has so conserved his ability that the Republican party is looking to him as its leader in the next campaign.

We do not know whether Senator Root will consider that the destinies of the Republican party are in his hands or not, but present indications seem to show that the party is instinctively turning to him as their moses.

There is not a shadow of doubt that Senator Root is the biggest man the Republicans have, and, whether he consents to be the party's candidate or not, it is evident that he will be able to dictate the next platform framed by that party.

It is said that Ex-President Taft is for Root as the leader of the Republican party for President, and the country generally is ready to recognize Root as the Republican leader two years hence.

CHRISTMAS MORN.

One more Christmas is here and on this glad morn The Star family extends the greetings of the season to everybody. The chief thing about Christmas is that it is the annual reminder of the birth of Him who brought into the world the new doctrine that exemplified peace on earth and good will toward men. We celebrate it in manifesting good will and unselfishness through giving, and whether we give wisely or well, the impulse itself emphasizes the sentiment that takes possession of all at this joyous season of the year.

Christmas is merry for some and sad for others, but it is the Christmas spirit in which there is joy for everybody—joy in the Hope which it typefies more than anything else. For one and all we wish the happiness and the joy and comfort that in some way comes to all the human family.

"DREAM VERSES."

The Star has had the pleasure of reviewing a copy of a recent contribution to literature by a North Carolina author, bearing the above title, and which has received very flattering compliments since its recent publication.

It is a book of poems from the pen of Miss Anne Vyne Tillery, a daughter of Mayor L. F. Tillery, of Rocky Mount, and contains 28 verse gems, each of which alone constitutes a valuable contribution to the literature of the State, and will undoubtedly receive wide commendation as soon as it is placed on sale.

The little book is very richly bound in red illuminated vellum with gold title and deckle-edge paper, and is a product of the press of the Rocky Mount Transcript.

It is said "there will be no pork barrel at this Congress," but nobody cares so long as maritorious waterway projcts are taken care. Ofrdllu way projects are taken care of. The country is concerned more than ever in the means for transportation, for efficient distribution is now regarded as vitally important to growers and consumers alike.

The best cellars are the ones that are the driest.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is announced that Wrightsville Beach will be extended for one mile in a southerly direction. That, of course, will put it well out of the city limits for the benefit of the "bona fide traveler."—Asheville Citizen.

There is no joke about building a jail on top of a court house. Charlotte has its plans ready for a new jail to be built of concrete to cost $75,000. It is to be three stories. The first and second floors will be occupied as criminal court rooms, the jaller and his family having five rooms. The third floor is to be utilized for prisoners. An elevator will be run from the basement to the top story. Inasmuch as it will be completed long before Guilford is ready to build its new court house, it might be well to run up and see it when it is put in use.—Greensboro Record.

We understand agriculture is to be taught in the schools at Moncure. One acre of corn and one or cotton are to be cultivated by the pupils. We are informed that a citizen of that place has agreed to give the school the use of the land. This department of the school will be managed by the State Board of Agriculture through Demonstrator Henley, of this county. A rally to arouse interest in this feature of the school, was to have been held at Moncure last Friday, but as some of those who were to make speeches could not be present the rally was postponed. This experiment in the Moncure school will be watched with interest by the advocates of farm life schools. It now seems that it is only a question of time when agriculture, not only in theory, but in practice, will be taught in all public schools.—Sanford Express.

One of the indications of the coming year is that early in the season a campaign for commission government will be inaugurated in cities and towns all over the country. Asheville will probably be one of the first in the field. It has been noted that Dayton has succeeded in securing a business manager in the person of Mr. H. M. White, who is a grandson of the Chief Justice of the United States. Manager White will commence next Thursday at a salary of $12,500 a year. Dayton is the largest city in the country that has adopted the commission government, and the applicability of that form to large municipalities will be given a thorough demonstration. The cruder forms have been continually improved and by the experimentations of the coming year, some entirely satisfactory plan will no doubt be evolved. It is not too much to hope that something that may be regarded as suitable by the statesmen who control the politics of Charlotte will be developed. —Charlotte Observer.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Merry bells this morn do chime,
This day of our Saviour's birth;
Their music's heard in every clime,
By nations, o'er all the earth.

They tell us of that manger rude,
In which the Child was laid;
And of a star that o'er it stood,
The shepherd's guide, 'twas said.

And as the bells their peals do give
Good news to all the earth,
May it reach to those who in mansions live,
And those of humble birth.

May rich and poor, the great and small,
The maimed, the halt, the blind,
Join and crown Him, Lord of all,
This merry Christmas time.

—J. W. BUCK.

POOVEY SURRENDERS TO THE AUTHORITIES.

Slayer of Gus Ward in Caldwell County Voluntarily Gives Himself Up.

Granite Falls, N. C., Dec. 24.—Walter Poovey, who has been wanted by the local authorities for three years, returned to his home here Monday and yesterday went to Lenoir, where he surrendered to the sheriff. It will be remembered that young Poovey shot and killed Gus Ward, in December, 1910, and left immediately after the shooting. Since that time he has been in Canada. It is understood that he will enter a plea of self-defense, as Ward was beating Poovey over the head when he was killed.

Dancing Pumps for Holidays at Peterson & Ruifs. de 25-28
(advertisement.)

The Childhood of Jesus

IT is Christmas. We commemorate the birth of Jesus. Beneath the manifestations of rejoicing, the giving and receiving, the happiness of little children and the festivities of social intercourse, which mark the holiday season, there lay in our hearts the profound significance of his birth, ministry and his witness to eternal hope.

Not in all the world's literature is there the record of an event so simply, eloquently, beautifully told as is the gospel narrative of Jesus' birth and childhood. Man would not have conceived and told it. He would have environed the birth of his imaginied Saviour with all pomp and circumstance. The lapse of time does not lessen our deep interest. The spread of His Kingdom is more and more extending on earth.

The little child understands and feels a touch of sympathy with the manger babe. The mother of today shares with the Virgin her tender, maternal awakening, and men throughout the Christian world, whatever their intellectual theologies and cant about religion, all hail the power of Jesus' name!

THE ANNUNCIATION.

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came unto her, and said, Hail, thou that are highly favored; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her: Fear not, Mary, for thou has found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus." * * * "Then, said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore, also, that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the son of God." * * *

Not to the cultured woman of caste, not to the woman of wealth, not the queen, clad in regal robes of state, did the angel come with this annunciation, but to Mary, for "He hath regarded the low estate of his hand maiden." In this very call to motherhood, he was born in touch with the lowly, that they might feel he was to be to them, as well as to those of high estate, their Saviour.

"And Mary said: My soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded to the low estate of his handmaiden; for, behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."

And today, nineteen centuries after the magnificat was uttered, all followers of the gentle Master fulfill her prophesy and call her blessed.

THE NATIVITY.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, in Judea, into the City of David, which is called Bethlehem. * * * And so it was, that while they went there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered, and she brought forth her first born son." * * * And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them; and they were sore afraid. Anr the angel said unto them: Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in the manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly host praising God, and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

THE SHEPHERDS' ADORATION.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen it they made known the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE.

Thereafter, He was presented in the Temple at Jerusalem, according to the law of Moses, and there was present a just and devout man, to whom it had been revealed that he should not see death until he had seen the Lord's Christ, and Anna, the prophetess, and they recognized in Him the Messiah, and gave thanks. "And Joseph and his mother marveled at those things which were spoken of him."

THE MAGI.

"Now, when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him. And lo, the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: Gold, frankincense and myrrh."

THE MASSACRE OF THE INNOCENTS.

"Then Herod, when he saw he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time he had diligently enquired of the wise men."

THE FLIGHT TO EGYPT AND RETURN.

But the angel of the Lord had appeared "to Joseph in a dream, saying: Take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for Herod would seek the young child to destroy him."

And when he arose he took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled that was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, Out of Egypt have I called my son."

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother and go into the land of Israel; for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And they arose and took the young child and his mother and came into the land of Israel. And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned unto Galilee, to their own City of Nazareth. And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, and the grace of God was upon him. And when he was twelve years old, they went up into Jerusalem, after the custom of the Feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem, and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him they were amazed; and his mother said unto him: Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them." And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

Thus, in simple narrative, through the Gospel, is presented the wondrous birth and childhood of Jesus, ere, after some twenty years, in which doubtlessly he was prepared for his mission, he entered upon that ministry of love, service and sacrifice that culminated on Calvary.

THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

Report of Prof. Phelps Practically as Forecast in The Star—Recommendations.

Bearing out in every essential detail the story published in The Star on the day following the completion of his personal investigations in this city, the report of Prof. E. B. Phelps, the water expert, who recently made an exhaustive inspection and study of the Wilmington water supply, was received yesterday by Mayor P. Q. Moore from Surgeon General Rupert Blue, of the United States Public Health Service.

Just as forecast in The Star, Prof. Phelps, who is professor in charge of the Hygienic Laboratory, Washington, does not look with favor upon the proposition to secure the water supply from deep wells. He says that the proposition involves many elements of uncertainty. He finds that the present water supply is on the whole quite satisfactory, though several changes in the plant are recommended and their immediate adoption is urged. If the source of supply is to be changed he rather favors the idea of going to the northwest branch of the Cape Fear, at some point above Navassa. The conclusions and recommendations are given as follows:

"As a result of a careful study of the present water supply of Wilmington and the possibilities of a deep well supply and other river supplies, the deep well project has been found to involve many elements of uncertainty and to be definitely lacking in that it would supply an undesirably hard water and the continued use of the river water is strongly recommended.

"The present water supply as it is now operated is on the whole quite satisfactory. Every effort should be made to maintain the purification plant at the highest possible degree of efficiency and to this end certain changes seem imperatively necessary. The suggestion of communicating channels between the old and new sets of filters made by the chief engineer, Mr. John W. Sweeney, is an excellent one and should be adopted. This will make it possible to utize for the first time the entire filter capacity of the plant. The connections which are being made between the two sets of settling basins will also prove of great benefit. It would be still more advantageous if piping connections with the pumps could be so arranged that these two sets of basins could be used in parallel as well as in tandem. This would not only give the maximum time for coagulation but would allow the minimum horizontal velocity of flow through each basin thus premitting the most efficient segmentation of coagulant and permitting saving in wash water. The force main and wash water lines should be equipped with properly constructed Venturi meters. It is impossible to properly control the operation of a plant of this type without definite knowledge at all times of the amount of water being used. The meters on the wash lines consitute invaluable checks upon the amount of water used for this purpose and will result in great economies.

"If the present source of supply is to be continued large coagulation basins will be found to be necessary to secure proper color removal without the use of an excessive dose of aluminum sulphate. At least twelve hours storage capacity should be provided. If, on the other hand, the Northwest Branch project is to be adopted in the near future it is not deemed advisable at this time to enlarge the coagulating basins. Further study of the latter project will doubtless indicate that the basins have at present sufficient capacity for the treatment of that water.

"The foregoing recommendations should be acted upon at once in the interest of the health of the community and are irrespective of any action that may be taken upon other projects. Whether deep wells or a new intake are to be investigated the present plant requires this minimum of attention to safeguard the public health. It is believed that these steps are sufficient to properly safeguard health and other considerations are merely of personal preference or possibly of economy. It must be admitted, however, that the objections to the present system even under its most efficient management are very real and that if the people of Wilmington desire and can afford better water supply it is their right and privilege to be heard in this matter.

"Of the various alternative projects that have been considered the extension of the intake on the Northwest Branch of the Cape Fear river is by far the most promising. It is recommended that the necessary engineering studies involving the cost of the East Branch syphon, the two miles of pipe line and the low life pumping station be undertaken at once. There are no serious engineering problems involved here and the necessary engineering studies can be made without unreasonable expense. At the same time it is recommended that chemical and bacteriological sutdies of the water of the canal alluded to be undertaken. These should be made with the object of determining the general chemical characterization of the water and the possibilities of its chemical treatment; the hygienic characteristics of the water with special reference to determining whether or not any pollution from Wilmington reaches this point; and finally what saving in chemicals, sulphate of aluminum, soda ash and chlorine would be indicated by the use of this water. If, as I anticipate, the saving in cost represents a very considerable part of the investment the project would certainly seem to be one worthy of consideration. In any event it is but proper to place before the citizens of Wilmington a definite statement of the advantages that are possible and the cost of obtaining those advantages over present cost of water in order that the final outcome may be decided after a full and frank discussion and upon an impartial presentation of all the facts in the case.

"The writer wishes in conclusion to express his grateful appreciation to Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary, and to Mr. Warren H. Booker, engineer of the State Board of Health, for valuable personal information and various reports, laboratory results and other documentary material placed at his disposal; to the Hon. Parker Quince Moore, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, to Martin S. Willard, chairman of the Board of Health, and to Councilman Wood and Superintendent Merritt, City Water Department, for many courtesies extended and especially for opportunities offered to meet representative citizens of Wilmington; to Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, superintendent of health for such valuable information carefully compiled for my sudy and also for having placed at my disposal the complete records of the [illegible] of Health; and to George F. [illegible] the chemist and director of the [illegible]oratory who has given me every possible assistance in arriving at a knowledge of the facts and whose personal effort to simplify the duties involving upon me by the compilation of statistical data and analyses greatly reduced the labor of this investigation."

CONCRETE BRIDGE ASSURED

Seaboard and Coast Line Given Until February 1st to Begin Work on the Structure.

One of the briefest sessions on record was held yesterday morning by the City Council, when the one question before the body for consideration was disposed of in less than five minutes. Adjournment was then taken until next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when the question of municipal lighting will be gone into again at the request of Councilman Wood, who has expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed settlement of the matter. The session was brief yesterday because of the fact that it was Christmas Eve.

The session was presided over by Mayor Moore and all members of Council were in attendance except Councilman Chadwick. Present also were City Attorney Bryan. Capt. Thos. D. Meares, the clerk, and Hon. John D. Bellamy, who appeared for the Seaboard Air Line Railway in the matter of the proposed new bridge over the railroad tracks on Fourth street, at Hilton. The present wooden structure is to be replaced with a modern concrete structure, and is to be paid for jointly by the Coast Line and Seaboard. Mr. Bellamy said that this had been definitely decided upon However, it will take at least a month to assemble the materials and he asked in behalf of the railroads that the ordinance adopted some weeks ago with reference to railroad tracks crossing streets at a certain depth, be suspended until February 1st. The request was granted, following which Council adjourned.

Members of the Council, the city attorney and the city clerk each received a Christmas remembrance—a handsome necktie—from Mayor Moore. They expressed to the mayor their sincere thanks for his kind remembrance. Souvenir pocketbooks and knives—gifts of the Coca-Cola Bottling Works—were also distributed among members of the Council.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS SERVICE.

Following Usual Custom Will Have Exercises Today at Noon.

Following the usual custom and in common with other commanderies throughout the world, Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, will today at noon spend half an hour in a beautiful Christmas service in its asylum in the Masonic Temple. It is expected that the service, which begins at 12:30 P. M., will be largely attended. The following circular letter has been sent out by Mr. B. H. Stephens, commander of the Commandery:

"On Christmas Day throughout the world at 12:30 o'clock, over a quarter of a million Knights Templar will spend a brief half hour in their Christmas observance service.

"This is one of the Templar customs that contribute to making better men and will add to your value in the world.

"Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, will meet at the asylum in the Masonic Temple and you are cordially invited to be with us. No uniform will be required as we are limited to 30 minutes. This 30 minutes will add to the pleasure of the other 23 1-2 hours.

"Don't fail to come and bring any Sir Knight visiting the city that you can reach.

"The season's greetings and a toast await you."

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

Justice Tempered With Mercy Exercised Yesterday by His Honor.

Sarah Perfy, colored, was before the Recorder yesterday charged with assaulting Bessie Moore with a knife. Bessie had been hurt for there was a wound on her left wrist which evidently had been done with a knife. The circumstances clearly indicated that Sarah had done the evil deed. She was found guilty of the offense, a serious one, but when it developed that she had only on Wednesday had an uncle to die and that her mother was dangerously ill, judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

There were more of those same negroes who are alleged to have raised much cain around 11th and Market streets. They were found guilty of the charge, but judgment was held open until Friday morning. The bond named in each case was $100. Willie Flynn and Robert Jones couldn't give bonds and went to jail. Frank Howard and John Henry Barnes were more fortunate in being able to do so and did not have to go to jail.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Pupils of Miss Mary L. Alderman Have Christmas Celebration.

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock the pupils of Miss Mary L. Alderman had an interesting Christmas celebration at her home, No. 12 North Fifth street, the occasion marking the close of the Fall term. There were appropriate exercises consisting of music, recitation and other interesting features following which came the Christmas tree. Capt. W. P. Monroe was Santa Claus and well did he act the part. Indeed, the children were convinced that he was really Santy himself. Many beautiful presents were distributed.

MR. C. E. WILLIAMS DEAD.

Passed Away at His Home in the City Yesterday Morning.

Friends learned with sorrow yesterday of the death of Mr. Chas. E. Williams, which occurred yesterday morning at 2 o'clock at his home, No. 805 Chesnut street, after an illness extending over a long period. He was 55 years old. He is survived by a wife and four children all of whom will have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in their great loss. The funeral will be held this morning at 11 o'clock from the residence. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

The Collectorship.

In conversation with a Star representative yesterday, State Senator Geo. H. Bellamy stated that he is very much surprised at the Washington news to the effect that Col. Walker Taylor has been appointed Collector for the port of Wilmington and insists that before appointment is made, both our Senators and Representatives will give a hearing to him as he has much to say concerning the collectorship of this port.

REDUCTION IN POWER RATES

Tidewater Power Company Made Interesting Announcement to Customers Yesterday.

Announcement of a reduced rate for electric current for power effective January 1st, was made to their customers in a letter yesterday by the Tidewater Power Company. The rating of 7, 5 and 2 1-2 cents per kilowatt hours is changed to 7, 5 and 2 cents, while a change is also made in the number of kilowatt hours that must be used in order to obtain the lower rates.

A Tidewater official stated yesterday that it was decided some time ago to make the reduction on January 1st and that the present action of the company had nothing whatever to do with the company's offer at a recent meeting of the City Council to apply the rates for electric power now in effect in Raleigh and Goldsboro, if a majority of the users of electric current here desire it.

The question of applying the Raleigh and Goldsboro rates will be submitted to the customers of the Tidewater Power Company within a few days. The rates now in force for power are 7 cents per kilowatt hour up to 21 kilowatt hours per horse power per month; 5 cents per kilowatt hour for the next 63 kilowatt hours per horse power per month, and 2 1-2 cents per kilowatt hour for all current in excess of the above amount. The reduction now made is in the number of kilowatt hours in order to secure the lower rates and a reduction of a half cent per kilowatt hour for all current used in excess of 80 kilowatt hours per horse power.

Following is a copy of the letter mailed to the customers using electricity for power:

"Dear Sir:—We beg to advise you that on and after the first of January there will be a reduction in the rate for electric current for power. These rates will be as follows:

"7c per kw. hour for the first 20 kw. hours per horse power per month, which constitutes the minimum bill.

"5c per kw. hour for the next 60 kw. hours per horse power per month.

"2c per kw. hour for all current in excess of the above.

"Less a 10 per cent cash discount if paid before the 10th of the following month. "Yours very truly,

"TIDEWATER POWER CO."

WILL MAKE STRONG FIGHT.

Committee Collecting Data of Lighthouse Depot Proposition.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce committee, composed of Col. John VanB. Metts and Messrs. H. Lacy Hunt and E. P. Bailey, was held yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Chamber to discuss the proposition of securing the location of the government lighthouse depot for the sixth district near Wilmington. The committee recently went to Washington to present the matter before Assistant Secretary Sweet, of the Department of Commerce, and are very hopeful of being successful in landing the building in this vicinity.

The committee has been promised a copy of the arguments of the different cities asking for the project before the officials of the Department of Commerce. Mr. Sweet has promised the Wilmington committee that he will send a printed report of the different hearings before him. The committee has not yet received this report, and as the time for the general hearing is now only a short time off, being set for next Monday morning, a request was sent to him yesterday afternoon that he forward it at once, if possible.

Jacksonville is making a strong fight for the place as is also Savannah and Charleston. Other cities wanting the depot are Fernandina, Fla., and Brunswick, Ga. These cities have all sent delegations to Washington and presented fully their reason for wanting the depot. Next Monday delegations from all these cities will attend a general hearing before Mr. Sweet at Washington when an opportunity will be given for them to discuss the matter in a general meeting.

NEW BANK BUILDING.

Bids Will be Opened Saturday for Murchison's New Home.

Bids will be opened Saturday of this week for the handsome 10-story office building and home to be erected by the Murchison National Bank on the site of the old Cape Fear Club building at the northwest corner of Front and Chesnut streets, according to statement yesterday by Mr. Kenneth M. Murchison, the well known New York architect, who has charge of the plans for the new structure. Mr. Murchison has been here since Saturday and has been enjoying several days' outing at the Orton Plantation in Brunswick county.

The work of excavating for the foundation is going right ahead and is being done by the John Henry Miller Co., Inc., Baltimore, which firm is said to be also a bidder for the contract to construct the building. It is estimated that earth will have to be removed for 36 feet below the street level, to bed rock. Another firm that has submitted a bid for the construction of the building is the Amsterdam Building Company, of New York City, which concern has many large contracts ni the North.

PRIZES ARE AWARDED.

Pupils of Schools Who Received $5 Gold Pieces for Work.

Some time ago the New Hanover Transit Co., exclusive developers of Carolina Beach, offered a prize of $5 to the student in each of the schools of the city who would write the best composition on their attractive resort. A number of very creditable essays were submitted in the contest but those who received prizes of $5 each were Miss Helen Prease, Union School, $5; Miss Minnie Louise Perdew, Hemenway, and Mr. H. O. Wolf, Cape Fear Academy. The promoters of the new beach have every reason to feel proud of the splendid results of the contest.

Miss Perdew who won one of the first prizes yesterday was also a winner in the contest recently conducted by Messrs. Wilder & Metts.

GIVE PRETTY SOUVENIRS.

Coca-Cola Bottling Works Distribute Attractive Gifts.

According to their usual Christmas custom, the Messrs. Hutaff, of the Coca-Cola Bottling Works, have distributed to their friends and patrons attractive souvenirs consisting of a wallet, purse and knife. While the gifts of this popular business concern for the Yuletide season are always pretty those given this year excel anything that they have distributed before. The Messrs. Hutaff are always progressive and for this reason their business has grown rapidly from year to year.

HAPPY YULETIDE SEASON

Formal Opening of Christmas Celebration With Community Tree Last Night.

After many days of anxious waiting by the little folks, Christmas is here with all its attendant joy and good cheer. Old Santa Claus started out early last night on his rounds and before the sun rises will have distributed presents of all kinds to millions of children in the United States. By common consent the day will be given over to enjoyment and pleasure and in Wilmington will have the general air of Sunday with the exception of popping firecrackers here and there.

All day yesterday great crowds of people thronged the streets rushing hither and thither, buying presents for loved ones and making final preparations for the happy Christmas season

There were many visitors in Wilmington from other towns who came for the purpose of shopping and trading. The merchants did a splendid business, although they state that the volume for the week past will be below the usual mark. The express and parcel post traffic was tremendous and showed that the giving of Christmas presents is growing more popular.

Early in the afternoon the Christmas spirit had begun to manifest itself with the shooting of firecrackers, the blowing of bugles, the jangling of cow bells and the various kinds of noises that youthful America has been able to devise for making a noise. Today will be quieter, however, and will be very much like a Sunday.

Public offices and business houses will be closed during the day save only a few stores that perhaps will open during the morning hours to give their customers an opportunity to exchange goods for other sizes, if they so desire, or to give some forgetful shopper an opportunity of purchasing a belated Christmas present. For the next week or so the city will be given over largely to the gaiety incident to the glad holiday season.

The college boys and girls are home for the holidays and this brings added joy to many. They will aid much in enlivening the social life of the city. Then, too, it is the season when busy persons take a few days off to visit relatives. It is Christmas, the time when people want to get together and recall old times and forget for a while the troubles and sorrows of life.

Unfortunately, the weather man could hold out little hope last night for a clear day. His forecast was rains for today with cooler weather for tonight. He holds out brighter hopes for tomorrow, however, when he says it will be fair and cold. Then, too, he may be surprised today by the sun beaming forth unexpectedly for he has been known to make mistakes. But after all it isn't the weather that makes Christmas; it is the spirit that counts and Wilmingtonians have this to an eminent degree.

The formal beginning of the Christmas celebration in Wilmington was marked by the Community Christmas tree on the postomce lawn last night. On account of the drizzling rain many were kept away, but a large number braved the elements and gathered around the immense cedar, beautifully decorated with scores of electric lights, to sing the old familiar Christmas carols and hymns. The tree, given by Rev. J. S. Crowley, was surmounted by a large star, emblematic of the Star of Bethlehem. It was a pretty sight and fittingly represented the idea of Christmas.

The Salvation Army yesterday distributed among the poor families of the city 100 or more baskets of provisions which will today afford a bountiful repast to many who would otherwise be deprived of a Christmas dinner. This afternoon at the Seamen's Bethel, corner Front and Dock streets, dinner will be served by the Salvation Army to the homeless young men and young women of the city followed by a Christmas tree for the little folks.

This morning a division of the Yoke Fellows Band will take to the main convict camp of the county in East Wilmington a variety of gifts for the convicts. Mr. R. A. Burnett, superintendent of the county roads, will lead the procession in his automobile, and it will be indeed a happy occasion for the unfortunates when they receive the donations of candies, fruits, and other good things that have been provided for them. Another division of the Yoke Fellows will go to the camp on Acorn Branch on a similar errand. According to the usual custom the convicts will be provided with a Christmas dinner and will be given the day for rest and recreation.

And at the county home Christmas will be celebrated with an appetizing dinner that has been provided by the good people of Wilmington. Yesterday afternoon Rev. F. B. Clausen, Mr. J. B. Huntington and others took several automobile loads of turkeys and other things that go to make up a Christmas dinner out to the home so that it could be prepared for the sumptuous feast that will be served.

For the seamen who are in port a bountiful dinner of appetizing food will be served tonight in the Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The arrangements for the dinner are in charge of Mr. T. C. Findley, and he is assisted by the members of the Christian Endeavor Society and the Seamen's Friend Society.

All the churches either have had or will have within the next few days appropriate exercises commemorative of the Christmas season. Christmas trees will be the means of bringing to the children of the various Sunday schools suitable presents. Some of the churches have already had their Christmas trees.

The worthy aim and purpose of Wilmington people is to see that every family in the city has some reminder of the happy yuletide season. The Whatsoever Circle of King's Daughters yesterday distributed over 100 packages of fruit, candies, toys and other articles among the poor of the city. Other organizations have performed simiar errands of good cheer. It is the happy Christmas season when all should be glad as indeed everyone in Wilmington seems to be.

CHURCH SERVICES TODAY.

Several Local Churches Will Have Appropriate Christmas Sermons.

Christmas services at St. John's church: There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M., followed by morning prayer and the Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Special music. The Christmas tree for the Sunday school will be given in the Parish House Friday night at 7:30 P. M.

Christmas day service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran church at 11 A. M. A programme of special music will be rendered by the choir. The Rev. F. B. Clausen will preach. Topic of sermon "Emmanuel." At 5 P. M. the Sunday school will hold its Christmas service in the church. A fine programme will be rendered by the children and the big and beautiful Christmas tree will shine in all its gladsome glory. A hearty invitation is extended to worship and rejoice with St. Paul's.

Services in St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran church today at 11 o'clock, subject, "The Angelic Message." Special music will be rendered. A most cordial welcome extended to all.

DINNER FOR OLD SLAVES.

Plans Rapidly Maturing for Reunion Next Wednesday.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the reunion for the ex-slaves of New Hanover county has decided upon next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock as the time and St. Stephen's A. M. E. church as the place for the event that it is hoped to make notable. Woodus Kellum, Esq., chairman of the joint Junior Order committee in charge of arrangements, stated yesterday that he expected 200 or 300 former slaves to be present at the reunion.

A sumptuous dinner will be served and there will be a number of addresses by both white and colored men of prominence in the cormunty. The colored ministers of the city are lending the commitee every assistance in its preparation for the reunion. Generous donations have been received from a number of citizens, making possible the reunion and the attendant feast of good things to eat.

Holiday Hours at Postoffice.

On account of Christmas the usual holiday hours will be observed at the Wilmington postoffice. The general delivery window will be open from 11 to 12 in the morning and from 7 to 8 P. M. The registry department will be open from 11 to 12:30. Stamps will be on sale at the general delivery window during both hours. Carriers will deliver all day.

Automobile Tire Thieves.

A number of complaints have recently been made to the police department of extra tires and rims having been stolen from cars standing on the street in the vicinity of Third and Chesnut streets as well as at one of two other places. Owners of tires are requested to take the number of all casings so that they can be identified in case the material is sold to junk dealers. It is an easy matter in the dark hours of the night to remove the tires from the rear of machines standing on the street, and owners should avoid this practice as much as possible.

Leads in Sale of Seals.

The Wilmington school children led all other school children in the State in the sale of Christmas seals, having disposed of 20,519. This is considered a very good record indeed for the children of the city and the ladies in charge of the Red Cross Society work in this city are highly pleased with the work of the children.

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Yours Very Truly,

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. James C. Craft, of New York, is here for the holidays.

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Mr. Archie G. Warren is home from Washington and Lee University to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Mrs. Sam. S. Drew and son, Master Fred, left yesterday afternoon for Wilson, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Drew's brother, Mr. Jeff. P. Lee.

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Mr. Alfred R. Phillips, of Tampa, Fla., who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dushan, returned to his home Tuesday.

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Miss Carrie Hooper, of Birmingham, Ala., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Gabriel Homes on Third street.

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Miss Annie Perry left yesterday for Siler City, where she will spend the holidays with relaives.

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Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of the city graded schools, has gone to High Point to spend the Christmas holiday.

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Miss Blanche Wiggins left yesterday for Maxton, where sae will spend the holidays with her brither, J. P. Wiggins, Esq.

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Misses Alice Sawyer and Katie Pridgen are home from the State Normal and Industrial College to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Misses Mary B. and Fannie S. Mitchell are at home from the State Normal at Greensboro to spend the holidays.

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Mr. H. R. Aiken, city editor of the Star, left yesterday morning for Hickory, N. C., to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Mr. L. L. Boon, Jr., who is a student at the Georgia School of Technology at Atlanta, Ga., arrived home yesterday to spend the holidays with his parents.

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Miss Grace Logan, a member of the High School faculty, will be the guest during the holidays of Mrs. Archibald Peatross at the Cape Fear Apartments.

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Mr. Nelson MacRae and Miss Agnes MacRae have joined their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacRae at the Hotel Grafton, Washington, D. C., for the holidays.

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Mr. W. C. Peterson, Jr., arrived in the city yesterday morning from the University of Virginia to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peterson.

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There were 583 Red Cross seals sold yesterday at the postoffice. Those in charge were Misses Susie Brand and Mary Post with Mrs. Cuthbert Martin and Mrs. T. E. Cooper as chaperones.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Warwick and nephew, Mr. Fred Hansley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Warwick's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Pickett, No. 112 Grace street. They expect to spend three weeks or longer in Wilmington and have been pleasantly greeted by a host of friends here.

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Mr. Henry Walters, of New York, chairman of the board of directors of the Atlantic Coast Line, has arrived in the city for the holidays, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones at Airlee. Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, vice-president of the New York Central, of New York, is expected to arrive the latter part of the week to visit friends here.

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BENEFIT MUSICALE ANNOUNCED BY LADIES' LINEN AUXILIARY.

One of the interesting and pleasing social events of the yuletide in Wilmington will be a benefit musicale by the Ladies' Linen Auxiliary of the James Walker Memorial Hospital on Friday evening of this week in St. Andrew's Memorial Hall. Following is the programme for this occasion:

Part I.

Victrola—Orchestra.

Welcome Pretty Primrose, by Ciro Pinsuti—Ladies' Quartette.

Soprano, Mrs. M. H. Longfellow and Miss Katie Foard; Alto, Miss Julia Post and Miss Agnes Chasten.

Reading—Selected—Miss Hines.

Solo—(a) Farantelle, by DuBois. (b) Selected—Miss Lydia Post.

Piano Solo—Valse in Etude Form D Flat, by Saint Saens—Miss Agnes Chasten.

(a) From the Land of the Sky-blue Water, by Cadman; (b) Jean, by Spross—Julia Culbreth.

Reading—Selected—Mrs. H. B. Branch.

Part II.

Victrola Solo—Cavalleria Rusticana, by Mme. Eames.

Solo—Flower Rain, by Schneider—Miss Katie Foard.

O Shepherd of Israel, by C. P. Morrison—Ladies' Quartette. Sopranos Mrs. M. H. Longfellow, Mrs. J. D. Edwards; Altos, Miss Julia Post, Mrs. Frank Muse.

Solo—Selected—Mrs. George S Boylan.

Mirandy on Girls Proposing, by Dorothy Dix—Miss Hines.

On Wings of Music, by Mendelssohn—Duet—Mrs. George S. Boylan and Mrs. J. D. Edwards.

Der Erlkonig, by Schubert—Miss Julia Culbreth.

Good-night, Good-night, Beloved, by Ciro Pinsuti—Soprano, Mrs. M. H. Longfellow; Alto, Miss Julia Post; Tenor, Mr. Greene Fenley; Bass, Mr. Frank Harrell.

EMPLOYES CELEBRATE.

Office Force of Ahrens Bros. Have Christmas Party in Office.

A unique Christmas celebration was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Ahrens Bros., wholesale druggists, when the employes of the office met for the purpose of exchanging gifts, expressive of some hobby of each, and also to remember their employers with appropriate gifts. Mr. Eduard Ahrens was given two beautiful hunting pictures and Mr. A. G. Ahrens a pretty rug. Following this presentation the employes were also given appropriate presents by the firm.

Then came the informal part which was most enjoyed. The presents were appropriately labled so as to describe some characteristic or whim of the one receiving them. Mr. C. A. McLamb got a toy gun and caps; Miss Ola Pickett, a toy automobile; Mr. J. R. Kelly, a miniature imitation turkey; Johnnie Nestlie, a toy boat; Mr. H. F. Otten, a supply of building blocks; Mr. Eduard Ahrens, a small doll; Mr. A. G. Ahrens, a toy chanticleer; Mr. J. W. Blomme, a miniature ball and bat; Miss Meta Muller, a toy train of cars; Miss Estelle Taylor, a small figure of cupid, and Mr. David F. Hayes, a miniature bottle of champagne. It was a happy occasion for all and will long be remembered. For the once they were children again or thought they were or perhaps it should be stated that they played they were.

LOCAL DOTS.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Frederick T. Southerland and Miss Evelyn M. Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt S. Carter, and Mr. Austin C. Halley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow J Halley, of Pender county, and Miss Annie L. Mintz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mintz.

—A telegram was received yesterday from Dr. C. A. Shore of the State Health Department, stating that a dog which bit three children on South Front street Sunday was rabid. Immediately after the children were bitten a representative of the health department secured the head of the dog and sent it to Raleigh for examination.

—Summons was received by the sheriff yesterday from the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham county in an action instituted in that county by J. B. Mason against The Fidelity Trust & Development Co., C. E. Greenamyer and D. H. Chadwick, Jr. The summons is made returnable January 5th. The nature of the action is not stated in the summons.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Capt. O. O. Burriss, of Jacksonville, Fla., has arrived to spend the holidays.

—Dr. M. H. P. Clark left yesterday afternoon for Wake Forest College where he will spend the holidays. He will return to his office Monday.

—The many friends of Mr. B. F. White, an old Wilmington boy who for the past several years has been traveling several States for the Borden Condensed Milk Co., with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., is here to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

—Manager Comes, of the Academy of Music, returned yesterday morning from New Orleans whither he was summoned a few days ago on account of the critical ilness and subsequent death of his father, in which bereavment he will have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends.

STARKEY BUILDING SOLD: OTHER REALTY TRANSFERS.

Valuable Property on the Wharf Changed Hands Yesterday.

By deed filed for record yesterday William Struthers, Jr., and wife and Walker Taylor, trustee, transfer to Paulina E. Clark, for $100 and other considerations, the valuable property known as the Starkey building on Princess street, 156.3 feet west of Front, 58.3x66 feet in size.

Other deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: B. F. King, Jr., to William Struthers, Jr., and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on south side of Queen street, 165 feet west of Front, 33x66 feet in size. Progressive Building & Loan Association to William Struthers, Jr., for $600, lot on north side of Church street, 132 feet east of 13th, 33x99 feet in size. Marshan and Estelle Shrier and Hannah Shrier Bretzfelder and husband, to B. F. King, Jr., for $1 and other considerations, lot on west side of 10th street, 66 feet north of Marsteller, 66x165 feet in size. B. F. King, Jr., and Samuel Seigler, Jr., to William Struthers, Jr., and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side of Brown street, 66 feet north of Nixon, 30x66 feet in size.

FUNERAL OF MR. SCHLOSS.

Services Yesterday Afternoon From Residence—Interment in Oakdale.

The funeral of Mr. Simeon A. Schloss, whose death occurred at his home Monday night, was held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence, No. 212 North Fourth street, conducted by Rev. S. Mendelsohn, rabbi of the Temple of Israel, of which the deceased was a devoted and faithful member. The services were attended by hundreds of friends from the city and elsewhere.

There were a profusion of floral tributes from the hands of loving friends and attested in a most impressive manner the high esteem in which he was held by those who knew him. Following the impressive but simple services at the home the remains were borne tenderly to Oakdale cemetery where the interment was made. The pallbearers were: Honorary, Messrs, Sam Bear, Jr., Jas. H. Cowan, L. Bluethenthal, Sigmund Bear, B. F. Keith and Wm. E. Springer; active, Messrs. Jos. N. Jacobi, Louis Goodman, Thos. H. Wright, James Wilson, H. C. Bear and A. L. Battiste.

MARRIED YESTERDAY.

Miss Annie L. Mintz Becomes Bride of Mr. Austin C. Holly.

Mr. Austin C. Holly and Miss Annie L. Mintz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mintz, were happily married yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, No. 1314 South Second street, the officiating minister being Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church. There were only a few friends present. Both bride and groom have many friends who will extend to them hearty congratulations and best wishes. They left on the 5 o'clock Seaboard train for a short honeymoon trip and upon their return will reside at No. 313 Campbell street. Mr. Holly holds a position with the Atlantic Coast Line in this city.

Guilty of a Nuisance.

Mr. Thos. H. Hayes, charged with committing a nuisance by unloading fish scrap from a vessel on a wharf within the city limits, had a hearing before Justice W. L. Burkheimer yesterday at noon in Justice Harriss' office. Justice Harriss was to have heard the case but was kept at home on account of ilness. He was found guilty of the charge and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs. The unloading of the vessel was stopped last Satudray and will not be continued. The defendant was represented by Louis Poisson, Esq. and Herbert McClammy, Esq. appeared for the prosecution.

Charged with False Pretense.

Probable cause was found yesterday by Justice W. A. McGowan in a case against Frank Canady, colored, charged with getting money under false pretenses from Mr. G. P. Loy. The case was sent to Superior Court for trial and his bond fixed at $150 which he gave. It is alleged by Loy that Canady sold him a mortgage on a mule when he knew that the mule was dead. The defendant denied knowing that the animal had died. Woodus Kellum, Esq. represented Mr. Loy while L. Clayton Grant appeared for Canady.

Funeral of Mrs. Currie.

The remains of Mrs. May Colville Currie who died at her home at Chauncey, Ga., accompanied by her mother, Mrs. John Colville, and other relatives, arrived last night on the train from the South. The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock.

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and a

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..Theatrical..

The Academy of Music will join in the Christmas celebration today in most royal manner and will afford the people of Wilmington rare chance to add greatly to their enjoyment of the big fete. The Academy will practically have open house all day, as this afternoon it will present a special matinee, doors opening at 2 o'clock and the performance commencing at 3 while tonight another performance will be given. The attraction will be in the form of a big vaudeville jubilee, the equal of any to be found in the South. In addition to the swell vaudeville bill will be given two reels of feature films, thus really making two big shows and for the same price of admission. The prices, too, will be of the popular type—10, 20 and 30 cents, thus offering a high class bill for small money.

The acts to be presented are of the best type that visits the South, and the variety is such as will afford one of the best balanced vaudeville bills ever presented in the South. Included in the list are the noted Les Chemroys, European novelty artists, who will make their first appearance in the South with their engagement in this city. There will also be on the bill McNamree, who will present a novelty act in clay work. There will aslo be plenty of singing and dancing and the well known sketch team of Leavitt and Lawler. From this list it can be seen that something choice may be expected.

The engagement will extend not only today, but throughout the rest of the week, with matinee both tomorrow and Saturady.

At The Grand Today.

"Wonderful!" was the prevailing opinion of those who attended the Grand yesterday and behind the phenomenal offering of James O'Neill, the noted actor, in his big production of "Monte Cristo" (five reels) and so it was. The acting and production were both truly wonderful and but for the absence of the voices one could not tell but what a real Broadway production was being set before him. But the acting was of such masterly type that it needed no vocalization to vividly depict the story. O'Neill, in the title role, was just O'Neill, and that speaks enough for the American theatre-going public.

But as remarkable as was yesterday's offering, the Grand has one equally as pleasing for today, in honor of Christmas, and will today offer the amusement-lovers of Wilmington the same old small price of admission—5 cents for afternoon and night performances.

Essanay's big 2-reel special release, "The End of the Circle," leads today's bill. It is a tale of the earlier days of the west and it will thrill from start to finish, but they will be wholesome thrills, as the Grand prides itself upon only presenting what is wholesome and refined. The spectacle when the young pioneer climbs the clift and rescues his enemy's child from a bear is both spectacular and thrilling.

There are two awfully jolly comedies on today in "Kate the Cop" and "The Harmless One." These two fun films make an excellent foil for "The End of the Circle."

The Bijou Today.

So far as amusement goes, that of pure, delightful type, why no one's Christmas Day celebration in Wilmington will be complete without a visit to the popular Bijou. This well known and swell theatre has prepared a great Christmas feast, made-up of what is daintiest and rarest in moving pictures regardless of expense, and will offer it to the Bijou's mighty host of admirers and visitors in the theatre's usual superb manner. The Bijou has prepared for a big Christmas and wants to enjoy it with all its friends. In consequence of this desire, and of big enterprise on the part of its management, it has secured only feature films for today and has put on its holiday attire, but yet will not charge one cent more admission. It will be the same old tiny 5 cents, afternoon and night.

Heading the big Christmas bill is the swell Universal feature, "The Closed Door," in which the noted actress, Miss Florence Lawrence, will appear. It is a big two reel special that will stir the heart. It is a gripping dramatic story, with all star cast of moving picture artists, while the scenery is most elaborate. It is a story of stock gambling, society and human nature, and it is powerful. It also possesses a wholesome vein of comedy.

Among the other notable films for today is "The Silver Tongued Orator." He was only a grocery store clerk at first, but he was a born orator, and he "orated" on all occasions and so much so that he became a bore. What happens to him is a big laugh.

Christmas Exercises Tonight.

The Christmas exercises of the Advent Christian church, corner Fourth and Church streets, will be held this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. An attractive programme of musical selections and recitations has been arranged. While there will be no Christmas tree gifts will be distributed to members of the Sunday School.

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Financial and Commercial

COTTON MARKET WAS ACTIVE

More Than Usual for Day Preceding Christmas—Holiday Atmosphere in Evidence.

New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton market was more than usually active for the day preceding Christmas. The holiday atmosphere was in evidence, but orders were plentiful enough to prevent the usual festivities and there was sharp fluctuations. An early advance carried the active months some 30 to 35 points above the low level of Monday, where considerable realizing was encountered, under which the market eased off. The close was steady, net unchanged to 3 points lower. Steadier Liverpool cables than expected, reports of an improved trade in Manchester and talk of rather a better export demand for domestic goods may have encouraged some of the early buying. The market opened firm, 3 to 10 points up, and sold about 10 to 13 points net higher during the middle of the day. After the close of Liverpool, however, the demand tapered off, suggesting that much of the support had reflected further reduction of the straddle interest, and the market turned easier during the afternoon.

There was doubtless a good deal of covering on the early advance, as well as some further buying for a reaction, but around 12.34 for March recent buyers for a reaction evidently felt disposed to take profits for over Christmas. There were also rumors that the big trade interests whose purchases had been largely responsible for checking the decline around 12 cents for the Spring months, were reselling part of their cotton, and were still talking ultimately lower prices.

During the earlier trading buyers had found comparatively few sellers while on the afternoon decline sellers evidently found nothing more than a restricted demand underfoot and the ring, and the market became quite unsettled with prices breaking fifteen or twenty points fro mthe high level of the morning. Rallies of 4 or 5 points followed on the active months, which probably represented an evening up of scattering accounts for over the holiday tomorrow.

Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 12.00; do. gulf, 12.85; no sales.

Cotton futures:

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	12.20	12.28	12.11	12.15
Jan	12.04	12.10	11.90	11.95
Feb		12.10	12.10	12.05
Mar	12.25	12.34	12.16	12.21
Apr				12.20
May	12.24	12.29	12.13	12.17
June	12.27	12.27	12.27	12.18
July	12.29	12.30	12.13	12.19
Aug	12.03	12.10	12.00	12.00
Sept				11.75
Oct		11.70	11.61	11.61

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 12¾; net receipts, 13,716; gross receipts, 13,716; sales, 2,807; stock, 243,608; coastwise, 228.

New Orleans—Steady, 12 1-16; net receipts, 18,105; gross receipts, 18,521; sales, 5,155; stock, 273,949; France, 12,254; continent, 10,321.

Mobile—Steady, 12 7-16; net receipts, 849; gross receipts, 849; sales, 25; stock, 56,844.

Savannah—Steady, 12¼; net receipts, 9,782; gross receipts, 9,782; sales, 4,425; stock, 153,882; continent, 10,735; coastwise, 5,027.

Charleston—Quiet, 12½; net receipts, 883; gross receipts, 883; stock, 70,048; coastwise, 238.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 1,912; gross receipts, 1,912; stock, 30,423; France, 11,222.

Norfolk—Steady, 12¼; net receipts, 3,721; gross receipts, 3,721; sales, 1,212; stock, 63,827; coastwise, 2,950.

Baltimore — Nominal, 12¾; net receipts, 2,000; stock, 5,785; France, 307; coastwise, 549.

New York—Quiet, 12.00; net receipts, 225; gross receipts, 3,482; sales, 400; stock, 79,652.

Boston—Quiet, 12.00; net receipts, 36; gross receipts, 4,126; stock, 15,338.

Philadelphia—Steady, 12.85; gross receipts, 550; stock, 3,495.

Texas City—Net receipts, 2,002; gross receipts, 2,002; stock, 34,632.

Brunswick—Stock, 20,853.

Jacksonville—Stock, 2,045.

Aransas Pass—Stock, 2,279.

Tacoma—Net receipts, 2,641; gross receipts, 2,641; Japan, 2,641.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 53,902; France, 23,883; continent, 21,056; Japan, 2,641; stock, 1,057,208.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 243,039; Great Britain, 38,130; France, 32,383; continent, 104,053; Japan, 12,472; Mexico, 134.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,541,150; Great Britain, 1,731,086; France, 752,193; continent, 2,194,021; Japan, 193,700; Mexico, 19,034.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 12¾; net receipts, 7,391; gross receipts, 7,391; shipments, 7,511; sales, 913; stock, 172,570.

Augusta—Steady, 12⅝; net receipts, 2,687; gross receipts, 2,737; shipments, 1,010; sales, 889; stock, 91,507.

Memphis—Quiet, 13¼; net receipts, 3,029; gross receipts, 7,688; shipments, 8,568; sales, 2,800; stock, 257,256.

St. Louis—Quiet, 13.00; net receipts, 1,021; gross receipts, 5,806; shipments, 4,935; sales, 550; stock, 20,639.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 530; gross receipts, 530; shipments, 448; stock, 19,265.

Little Rock—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 1,116; gross receipts, 1,116; stock, 56,413.

Total today—Net receipts, 15,774; gross receipts, 25,268; shipments, 22,478; sales, 5,732; stock, 625,680.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Spot, fair demand; prices, firm; middling fair, 7.58; good middling, 7.24; middling, 7.02; low middling, 6.78; good ordinary, 6.12; ordinary, 5.78.

Sales, 8,000, including 7,300 American and 500 for speculation and export. Receipts, 6,000, including 600 American.

Futures closed steady. December, 6.68; December-January, 6.67½; January-February, 6.69½; February-March, 6.72; March-April, 6.74; April-May, 6.74; May-June, 6.73½; June-July, 6.71; July-August, 6.68; August-September, 6.58; September-October, 6.41; October-November, 6.32; November-December, 6.28¼; December-January, 6.27½; January-February, 6.27½.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Cotton goods and yarns were steadier during the day. A prominent number of imported French serge has been advanced one cent a yard for Fall. Worsted yarns were easy; burlaps were quiet.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Call money, firm, at 3¼@4; ruling rate, 3½; closing, 3½@4. Time loans, easier; sixty and ninety days, 5; six months, 4½@5. Mercantile paper, 5½@6. Sterling exchange, easy; sixty days, 4.8115; demand, 4.8515. Commercial bills, 4.80¼. Bar silver, 57½. Mexican dollars, 44½. Government bonds, steady.

ASSAULT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Lawyer Hammers Opponent Over the Head With Revolver.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 24.—After the conclusion of a trial in the court of Magistrate Ballinger here yesterday morning, J. Robert Martin, attorney, and E. H. Miller, a law student, who were opposed in the case, came to blows, and Martin used a revolver as a club. The weapon was discharged in the affray, but the bullet went wild.

Miller was severely cut about the head with the barrel of the revolver. His wounds were dressed at the City Hospital. Miller refused to prefer charges against Martin, but the latter made arrangements for bond.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Unable to decide who fired the shots which killed Daniel DeVilliers, during his struggle Sunday evening with Roy L. Grover, husband of his former wife, the coroner's jury returned a verdict today that the Boer war veteran had met death at the hands of a person unknown.

WHEAT REMAINS THE SAME

Improved Weather Conditions in Argentine Harvest Season Has Bearish Influence.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Improved weather conditions for the wind up of the Argentine harvest had a bearish influence today on wheat. The market closed easy, at the same as last night to ⅝c. down.

Corn showed a net decline of ⅛@¼ to ⅝ and oats a setback of ¼@⅜ to ⅝c. in provisions, the outcome varied from unchanged figures to a loss of 2½@5.

Futures closed:

Wheat—May, 90⅝; July, 87.

Corn—December, 69¼; May, 69¼.

Oats—May, 41¼; July, 40⅝.

Pork—January, 21.45; May, 20.87½.

Lard—January, 10.67½; May, 11.02½.

Ribs—January, 10.75; May, 11.07½.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 94½@95½; No. 2 hard, 88½@88⅝; No. 2, Northern, 88@89.

Corn—New, No. 3, 65; No. 3, yellow, 65@67.

Oats—No. 3, white, 39½.

MARINE.

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Str. Fernandina (Br.), 1,146 tons, Anderson, Pomaron, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Fernandina (Br.), 1,146 tons, Anderson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Urna (Swedish), 1,625 tons, Sandberg, Heide & Co.

Str. Joachim Zelch, 1,311 tons, Wels, Heide & Co.

Str. Gascony (Br.), 1,942 tons, Taylor; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Schr. Joel Cook, 319 tons, Ray, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Benjamin F. Poole, 1,099 tons, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Louis F., 237 tons, Albury, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Blanche H. King, 1,021 tons, Williams; Maffitt & Wood.

Barges.

Barge Mattie L. Johnson, 574 tons, Johnson, Maffitt & Wood.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at 41¼ cents per gallon.

ROSIN—Steady, $3.45.

TAR — Firm, at $2.50 per barrel; in casks, 10c. per gallon.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 per barrel for dip, and $3.00 per barrel for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—None.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	2
Rosin	10
Tar	348
Crude Turpentine	3

Receipts same day last year — Spirits turpentine, 18 casks; rosin, 66 barrels; tar, 13 barrels; crude turpentine, 84 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Spot, nominal for middling. Same day last year, nominal.

Receipts, 1,912. Same day last year, 2,831 bales.

Total receipts since Sept. 1, 323,373 bales. Total receipts same time last year, 270,691 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 20.)

CORN—$1.90 to $1.95 per sack.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, $1.00 per bu. Sweet potatoes, new, 60 to 70c. Very dull.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bushel; good demand.

BEEF—Native, dressed, very dull, 6 to 8c.

PORK—Small, 9@11c.

WOOL—Burry, 11 to 12c. per lb.; free 17c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 12c.; dry flints, 14@16c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Old hams, 25c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm, 4½@5c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, good demand. Grown, 40 to 45c.; Spring chickens, 15@35c. per head.

EGGS—30c. per doz.; good demand.

TURKEYS—Live, on foot, 18c per lb.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,775 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 10 barrels rosin; 348 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Clyde Line—33 bales cotton.

Str. Alice—104 bales cotton.

Total—1,912 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 10 barrels rosin; 348 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20.

Market—Weaker on Virginias. Stronger on Spanish and North Carolinas.

North Carolinas—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 1.05.

Spanish—No1, Machine-Picked, 1.15.

Virginias—No. 1, Machine-Picked, 06c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 18th, 1913.—Spanish—Farmers' Spanish, firm, at $1.20 per bushel.

Virginias—Fancy Jumbo, 3¾c to 4c per lb. Fancy Handpicked, 3½c per lb. Extra Prime, 3¼c per lb. Prime, 3c. per lb. Shelling Stock, 2c to 3c per lb.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT TEACHEYS HIGH SCHOOL.

Gold Watch Presented to Principal P. E. Shaw.

Teacheys, N. C., Dec. 24.—The Teacheys State high school last night set in motion the Christmas spirit by presenting to the principal, Prof. P. E. Shaw, a handsome gold watch. Mr. Shaw lives in the hearts of the patrons and pupils of the school which was established and developed under his leadership. This gift on the part of the school is a beautiful expression of esteem and is a symbol characteristic of the golden character, untiring energy, and unerring judgment of the gentleman who received it.

The speech of presentation was made by Rev. C. V. Brooks, pastor of the Baptist church. A delightful entertainment was rendered by the boys and girls of the high school, after which work was suspended for the holidays.

HELD ON TO THE OLD.

Methodist Conferences for Present Church Name.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The proposal to change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been overwhelmingly defeated by the referendum vote taken at this year's annual Conferences. Official returns made public here today, comprising results of the voting in all but three Conferences, show 1,333 votes in favor of the change and 4,092 opposing it. Thirty-two Conferences returned majorities favorable to retaining the present name, and 12 favorable to abandoning it.

We wish you a Merry Christmas. Haar's. (advertisement)

STOCKS ACTIVE AND STRONG

After Several Hours of Slow Business and Unimportant Movements on Market.

New York, Dec. 24.—Stocks became active and strong in the latter part of today's session of the Stock Exchange, after several hours of slow business and unimportant movements. For a time, the tendency was reactionary, but at the end of the day representative shares were substantially above last night's close.

Reading was the center of speculative interest. Its unusual strength was associated with reports that differences between the Government and the Reading company would be settled out of court. The easier tone of the market earlier in the day was due largely to weakness of eastern railroad stocks, under reports that the November statements of the transportation companies would show decreases in earnings.

In the case of Baltimore and Ohio such a showing already has been made. Norfolk and Western was especially heavy, dropping 3½. The slump of this stock was attributed to reports which found no confirmation to the effect that Pennsylvania would relinquish control of the company.

Signing of the currency bill and President Wilson's accompanying message failed to stimulate bullish activity. One reason given for the early recession in stocks was selling by disappointed traders who had counted on a rise following the final steps in transferring the currency bill to the statute books.

Southern Pacific reported a decrease in net earnings for November of $508,000.

The weekly Steel trade reviews reported that the holiday shut down of iron and steel mills this year had probably never been equalled in length or in number of plants involved.

Bonds were irregular. Missouri Pacific convertible 5ves dropped three points to 67. Total sales, par value, $1,850,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total stock sales, 408,700, including: Amalgamated Copper, 38,900; American Tobacco, 300; C. and O., 1,000; Lehigh Valley, 7,300; Norfolk and Western, 7,200; Reading, 148,700; S. A. L., pfd., 300; Southern Railway, 400; Southern Railway, pfd., 100; Tennessee Copper, 100; U. S. Steel, 53,800; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 100.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	73⅜
American Agricultural	44
American Beet Sugar	23½
American Can	30½
American Can, pfd	90
American Car and Foundry	44¼
American Cotton Oil	39½
American Linseed	10½
American Ice Securities	23¼
American Locomotiev	30
American Smelting and Ref	63⅝
Amer. Smelting and Ref., pfd	98⅜
Amer. Sugar Ref	106½
Amer. Tel and Tel	123
American Tobacco	247
Anaconda Mining Co	35⅛
Atchison	93⅞
Atchison, pfd	98¼
Atlantic Coast Line	116½
Baltimore and Ohio	92⅞
Bethlehem Steel	30⅞
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88¼
Canadian Pacific	211
Central Leather	26⅞
Chesapeake and Ohio	69¼
Chicago Great Western	11½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	100¾
Chicago and North Western	136½
Colorado Fuel and Iron	28
Consolidated Gas	130
Corn Products	9⅜
Delaware and Hudson	150
Denver and Rio Grande	17
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	35¼
Distillers' Securities	18¾
Erie	28¾
Erie, 1st pfd	44½
Erie, 2nd pfd	35½
General Electric	139
Great Northern, pfd	126¾
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	34¼
Illinois Central	107
Interborough Met	15
Interborough-Met. pfd	60¼
Inter-Harvester	103½
Inter-Marine, pfd	13½
International Paper	8½
International Pump	5
Kansas City Southern	24¼
Lackede Gas	93
Lehigh Valley	155¼
Louisville and Nashville	134
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	125½
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	19⅜
Missouri Pacific	22¾
National Biscuit	123
National Lead	44
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	9⅝
New York Central	92¼
New York, Ont. and Western	27
Norfolk and Western	101¾
North American	68
Northern Pacific	100¼
Pacific Mail	24½
Pennsylvania	109½
People's Gas	120¾
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	84
Pittsburg Coal	8½
Pressed Steel Car	29¾
Pullman Palace Car	153
Reading	170
Republic Iron and Steel	19¾
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	81
Rock Island Co	13½
Rock Island Co., pfd	21½
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	7¾
Seaboard Air Line	17
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	45½
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	26
Southern Pacific	90
Southern Railway	23¾
Southern Railway, pfd	77
Tennessee Copper	30⅜
Texas and Pacific	13¾
Union Pacific	153¾
Union Pacific, pfd	84½
United States Realty	53
United States Rubber	55⅞
United States Steel	59⅜
United States Steel, pfd	109
Utah Copper	49⅜
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	27⅞
Wabash	2⅝
Wabash, pfd	7½
Western Maryland	34⅞
Western Union	57
Westinghouse Electric	65¾
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4
New Haven	73
L. and M	217
L. and M., pfd	110¾
Lorillard	102
Lorillard, pfd	110

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Wheat, steady; No. 2, 99½@1.01; No. 1, Northern Duluth, 98½.

Corn—Steady, 74½.

Flour—Inactive.

Hides—Steady.

Leather—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Steady.

Rosin—Quiet.

Turpentine—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm.

Sugar—Raw, unsettled; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 9½; No. 4, Santos, 14¾; mild, dull; Cordova, 13@16¼.

Potatoes—Steady.

Peanuts—Steady.

Freights—Steady.

Cabbages—Steady.

Cotton Seed Oil—Higher, early today, on pre-holiday business, and closed unchanged to 1 point net lower. Sales, 4,600 barrels. Prime crude, 5.40@5.47; prime Summer yellow, 6.60@6.90; December, 6.48; January, 6.70; February, 6.85; March, 6.97; April, 7.07; May, 7.17; June, 7.22; July, 7.27. Prime Winter yellow, 7.00@7.58; prime Summer white, 7.00@7.50.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 24.—Turpentine—Steady. Rosin—Quiet.

Savannah, Dec. 24.—Turpentine, firm, at 42¼; sales, 537; receipts, 925; shipments, 123; stocks, 27,733.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 3,443; receipts, 3,500; shipments, 168,000; stocks, 156,939. Quote: A, B, C, D, 3.72½; E, 3.65 to 3.72½; F, 3.70 to 3.72½; G, 3.70 to 3.75; H, 3.70 to 3.77½; I, 3.87½ to 4.05; K, 4.60 to 4.75; M, 5.35 to 5.50; N, 6.40; W G, 6.50; W W, 6.65.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 25, 1913.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 51 degrees; at 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month to date, 1.87.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 6.0 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Thursday; colder at night; Friday, fair and colder; increasing east and southeast winds.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24, 1913.

Observer — Wilmington, N. C.—Hoist southeast storm warning 10 P. M., Atlantic Coast, Key West to Cape May. Disturbance central near month of Mississippi, increasing in intensity, and will move northeastward, attended by high easterly winds on Middle Atlantic and high southeast winds on South Atlantic Coast during Thursday. BOWIE.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 25.

Sun rises	7:16 A. M.
Sun sets	5:09 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 53 min.

Tides.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	8:00	8:13	2:39	3:21
Southport	5:47	6:00	12:23	11:53
Masonboro Inlet	5:36	5:58	12:03	11:33

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 24, 1913.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last Night.	Precipitation, 8 P. M.
Abilene	cloudy	40	38	.0
Asheville	cloudy	48	36	.0
Atlanta	cloudy	48	36	.0
Augusta	cloudy	52	30	.0
Birmingham	clear	52	38	.0
Boston	clear	44	38	.81
Charleston	raining	56	54	.26
Charlotte	pt cldy	46	44	.01
Chicago	raining	40	34	.0
Galveston	clear	58	54	.50
Jacksonville	cloudy	64	64	1.32
Memphis	cloudy	46	38	.0
Mobile	raining	56	42	.32
Montgomery	cloudy	50	38	.0
New Orleans	cloudy	54	46	.92
New York	cloudy	48	38	.66
Oklahoma	snowing	36	34	.0
Palestine	raining	46	40	.28
Pittsburg	cloudy	38	36	.0
Raleigh	cloudy	44	40	.0
Savannah	raining	58	54	.32
Shreveport	raining	46	38	.04
St. Louis	cloudy	38	32	.0
Washington	cloudy	40	34	.0

ANDREW JOYNER TO SAIL FOR WEST INDIES.

Well Known Newspaper Man Going to Take Government Position.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 24.—Mr. Andrew Joyner, for many years a well known newspaper man of this city, will sail on December 27th from New York for the West Indies, where he has a splendid government position. He will leave Greensboro on the night of the 25th and will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Emily, who will be with him in the Dominican republic. The Clyde Line steamer Algonquin will carry him on his initial trip to his new work.

DEATH AT KINSTON

Mrs. R. M. Starkey Passes Away at Age of 67.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 24.—Mrs. R. M. Starkey, aged 67, died suddenly at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Kleber Denmark, an Peyton avenue. Heart failure was the cause. Mrs. Starkey was a native of Greene county and prominently connected. Surviving are the husband, two sons and three daughters. The funeral was conducted by Rev. B. P. Smith, of the Christian church, with the interment in Maplewood cemetery.

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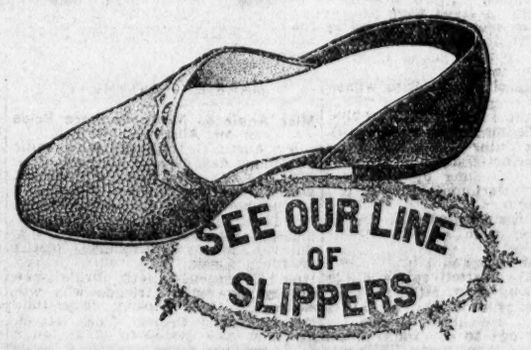

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ton" of its splendor of incandescent lights and ornaments was attended by the pealing of the chimes of nearby churches and the singing of Christmas carols by the Oratorio Society of New York, and the Gwent Welch Male Choir.

To the second tree standing in City Hall Park, Mayor Adolph L. Kline gave official recognition by touching a button, which lighted the thousands of colored electric lights with which the tree was decorated. The police department band and the choruses of the United Singers supplied the music.

Free coffee, cake and sandwiches were distributed to the needy who had gathered about the tree in City Hall Park, and a similar provision will be made tomorrow night on Madison Square. The tree "inaugurated" by Mayor Kline will be lighted every evening from 5:30 to 12 o'clock, until January 2.

Opera Stars Sing.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Chicago's first municipal Christmas festival was held in Grant Park tonight. Thousands of children and citizens generally, viewed the 75-foot Christmas tree, listened to stars of grand opera who sang classics through megaphones; to the full chorus of the Chicago Grand Opera company and to speeches by Mayor Harrison and others.

Atmospheric conditions permitted the testing of the effect of the Grant park illuminations for during three hours of the morning, and one hour in the afternoon, fog and smoke plunged the city into darkness of midnight.

A random example of the abundant provision made was seen when the county agent gave out 1,000 Christmas baskets in the West Side slums and had 4,000 baskets more for distribution tomorrow.

First at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Dec. 24.—Milwaukee's Christmas celebration was officially begun at 5 o'clock this afternoon with the ringing of every church bell in the city for five minutes. With the last note came the illumination of the communial Christmas tree in the Court of Honor on Grand avenue.

There were speeches, music and distribution of nuts and candy to children.

Detroit Celebrates.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—Detroit's first municipal Christmas tree, gaily decorated, was the center of attraction for thousands of citizens and a large band and choir furnished music.

Dinners to Unfortunates.

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Thousands of residents in many Ohio cities tonight celebrated Christmas Eve with community Christmas trees and completed preparations for serving thousands of unfortunates with Christmas dinners tomorrow. Church chimes, large choruses and brass bands furnished music for the municipal celebrations.

All Over Indiana.

Indianapolis, Dec. 24.—Thousands of Indiana residents began tonight in many ways to take the Christmas spirit to their less fortunate neighbors. Municipal trees, for the first time in the State, became a leading feature in the celebration.

Newspapers took the lead in several cities in providing toys for the children and Christmas dinners for the poor.

Hungry horses will be given a Christmas feast in Evansville and at the expense of Adolph Meizer, philanthropist.

Presents to President.

New Work, Dec. 24.—A painting which President Woodrow Wilson has long admired will be one of his most prized Christmas gifts, it was learned here tonight. The art work is a landscape, "The Woodchoppers," by H. Hobard Nichols, widely known as a landscape artist. Mrs. Wilson, herself an artist of fast growing repute, is the donor.

The canvas has been on view in the Corcoran gallery in Washington where the President had seen it and expressed his admiration for the work. With knowledge of this, Mrs. Wilson bought the picture and has made it a Christmas gift to her husband.

In Old New Hampshire.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 24.—Community Christmas trees were illuminated tonight in most of the cities of the State. In nearly every case it was the first general celebration of the Christmas festival.

Carols Sung by Choir.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.—Many cities and towns in Connecticut held municipal Christmas celebrations tonight. In New Haven 15,000 persons crowded the historic "green" and heard carols sung by a large choir and saw the illumination of a great pine tree.

Brilliant Spectacle at Capital.

Washington, Dec. 24.—"Peace on earth, good will to man." This sentence, blazing from a brilliantly lighted electric placard raised almost to the dome of the Capitol, reflected the predominant sentiment of the thousands who assembled on the Capitol plaza tonight to celebrate Washington's first "Community Christmas."

A giant Norway spruce, illuminated with glimmering red, white and blue electric bulbs, the marine band, a huge electric star of the East, and a chorus of 1,000 singers, with the Capitol itself outlined as the background against the dark curtain of the sky, made a scene of impressive beauty. Tableaux, representing the story of the nativity, were presented in the improvised amphitheatre.

Official Washington was conspicuous tonight by its absence. Most of the members of Congress had gone to their homes, the President and nearly all the cabinet officers are away and with the sole exception of the postoffice department, Washington was officially dead.

Employes at the postoffice toiled all night with an avalanche of mails. The mail room was stacked with well filled bags and in accordance with Postmaster General Burleson's announcement today the bags had to be emptied into the homes of the proper persons by Christmas Day.

Christmas cheer went out from the White House today to hundreds of the needy in Washington by direction of the President and Mrs. Wilson and their daughters, Margaret and Eleanor. Before the President's family left for Mississippi last night, deserving families in the capital had been listed for practical Christmas gifts.

Many of those had been discovered by Mrs. Wilson and her daughters by personal investigations.

Two large automobile trucks left the White House early today loaded with turkeys, hams, vegetables, cooked foods of many kinds, fruits and nuts and a glittering array of toys and knick-knacks for children of the poor.

Snow is Lacking.

New York, Dec. 24.—Lacking only a blanket of snow to give the traditional Christmas atmosphere to the scene New York began tonight a Christmas celebration which promised to be one of the most joyous in years. The less fortunate were well remembered by the charitable, with the result that many thousands of the city's poor will eat substantial turkey dinners tomorrow.

Thanks to the existence of a Christmas fund reserve, held over from years when collections were more generously responded to than this year the 427 employees of the New York Stock Exchange were able today to divide $12,666 among themselves. Because business during the year had been indifferent, members of the exchange subscribed only $6,500. Formerly subscriptions ran as high as $30,000.

Members of the exchange celebrated Christmas in a noisy manner today. At 3 o'clock two street organs were brought to the floor of the exchange. For twenty minutes two brawney Italians ground discordant melonidies for them, accompanied by the wild shouts of the brokers.

The Salvation Army has made arrangements to provide Christmas dinner for 25,000 families, and the Volunteers of America will take care of at least another 6,500. Others who will feed the poor tomorrow at the Bowery Mission, Timothy D. Sullivan Association, Grace Memorial Lodging House, Mrs. George A. Hearn and Congressman George W. Loft.

It is estimated that about 100,000 of the city's poor will be aided.

Rain at Frisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Rain stopped San Francisco's open air Christmas celebration and turned attention to another form of the same spirit, the feeding of the unemployed.

All unemployed who applied were fed at the city relief home and after tonight lodgings will be provinded for them. Work will be provided, beginning Monday. Married men will be permitted to work three days a week, single men two days, at $2 per day. Present plans are for the employment of from 200 to 300 men per day.

It was estimated that from 1,000 to 2,000 men were fed tonight. A movement was started today to open churches as sleeping places.

Children Made Happy.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 24.—Winter residents of Palm Beach helped make the hearts of a thousand children glad here tonight when gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree in the city park. Thousands watched the celebration.

Repeat Celebration.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 24.—The municipal Christmas celebration of last year was repeated tonight when thousands gathered about a sixty foot evergreen on the common. A vocal and instrumental concert was given and carols were sung.

Snow in Oklahoma.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 24. — Several thousand persons braved a snow storm and gathered about the municipal tree here at midnight, joining with a chorus of 5$$ trained voices in singing carols, ushering in Tulsa's first "white christmas" in a number of years.

Immense Christmas Tree.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Elaborate celebrations in connection with community Christmas trees were held for the first time today in many cities throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

In Philadelphia thousands hailed the lighting up of the 67 foot spruce with shouts of delight. In the afternoon two bands had marched past school houses throughout the city and headed long lines of children to the scene.

TRADE GOOD AT BURGAW.

Shipments of "Booze" Heavy—Christmas Turkeys A-Plenty.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 24.—Christmas trade has been very good here all this week, the merchants appearing to have all they could do. A look into the express office reveals the fact that a great many people think they can't have Christmas without "booze". The trains from the North all run late on account of delivering whiskey. Much the larger part of the shipments to this point is for negroes.

The market here has been quite well supplied with turkeys, the prices ranging from 18 to 20 cents a pound.

Among the visitors and others here for Christmas are Rev. James Thomas and Mrs. Thomas, of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Turner, of Monbo; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cook and children, of Chattanooga; Mr. and Mrs. Lauchlin McNeill, of Chapel Hill; Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Perkins, of Elizabethtown; Mrs. T. C. Turnage, of Farmville; Messrs. Lewis Herring and Howard Moore, of Richmond, Va.

TELEPHONE AIDS CUPID.

Miss Rena E. Ewell and Mr. Fernie Howard Married.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tarboro, N. C., Dec. 24.—With the aid of the telephone, Cupid won late yesterday afternoon, when Miss Rena E. Ewell became the bride of Mr. Fernie Howard, the ceremony being performed in the parlors of Hotel Farrar by Rev. Richard Fountain. The young couple came here from Williamston, but as the bride-to-be was under age, it was necessary to secure the consent of the mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Ewell.

Taking advantage of the telephone in the register of deeds' office, the groom, not to be disappointed, used the wire with the result that the consent was granted and after several hours delay the necessary paper was issued by Mr. H. S. Bunn. The couple went immediately to the hotel where in the presence of a few friends the ceremony took place. Mr. and Mrs. Howard left on a tour of Northern cities following the marriage.

CONTINUE TESTIMONY.

In Schmidt Case—Doctors Say He is Crazy in the Head.

New York, Dec. 24.—Dr. Carlos F. McDonald was called by the State today to refute the testimony given by the alienists of the defense in the trial of Hans Schmidt, accused of the murder of Anna Aumuller. He examined the ex-priest on September 24th and quoted Schmidt as saying that after the murder he "felt the relief of a person who had accomplished a required act or command."

Dr. McDonald's testimony had not been completed when court adjourned until Friday. The last of the defense alienists by M. S. Gregory of Bellevue Hospital, testified today that Schmidt's mind was so obscessed with the idea of sacrifice that he did not think of man-made law when he killed Anna Aumuller.

MISS BRANCE SICK.

On Verge of Collapse Lady is Cared For by Authorities.

Monticello, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Miss Adelaide M. Brance, partner in the double life led by Melville H. Couch, who died last Sunday of heart failure, is still a voluntary prisoner here. Physicians who examined here today say she is one the verge of collapse.

In her ravings the woman calls continually for Couch and pleads for death in order that she may join him.

A brother of Miss Brance, living at Cartwick called on Sheriff Kinne today and announced that he would take the woman home next Friday. He had believed his sister to be dead until the events of last Sunday.

Dancing Pumps for Holidays at Peterson & Rulfs. de 25-28
(advertisement.)

MILITARY MEETING MONDAY

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them supernumerary in the event they are called out for government service or for regular encampments.

Charters Granted.

Charters were issued this morning for new corporations as follows:

The Dundee Farm Co., of Raeford, capital $50,000 authorized and $50,000 subscribed by J. L. McFayden and others; The Farmer's Band & Trust Co., of Cherryville, Capital $100,000 authorized and $5,000 subscribed by J. F. Harrelson and others.

The Brown-Crier Iron Works, Jonesville, capital $100,000 authorized and $5,200 subscribed by A. H. Brower and others.

Pardons Granted.

Governor Craig issued his final batch of Christmas pardons today stating in connection with the matter that he has been forced to decline a number of applications that had been urged, although he had tried to consider all in the spirit of human sympathy and universal forgiveness and good will to men; that these pardons must be justified by law and the facts, considered from the standpoint of human frailty. Additional pardons follow:

Walter Dalton, Forsyth county, served since 1909 on 10 years sentence for murder; F. G. Gordon, Mecklenburg, served since June on two years sentence for bigamy.

Seventeen in Two Days.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 24.—Governor Craig today issued eight pardons to convicts in the State's prison in addition to nine he granted yesterday. In each case he assigns specific reasons, but grants them at this time because of the Christmas season.

ADMINISTRATION APPROVES

Of Bryans Plan for Arbitration Settlement of Differences.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The Administration has set the seal of its approval upon the general principle of settlement by arbitration of all questions that may arise between nations, in the attitude it has taken in the negotiations of a general arbitration treaty between America and Denmark. This convention has so for progressed towards completion as to be reduced to the form of a tentative treaty drafted by Secretary Bryan and is now before the Danish foreign office awaiting its approval of certain amendments which have already been agreed upon in principle.

The new treaty makes no reservations what in the subjects to be submitted to arbitration; not even questions of National honor being excluded. It differs from the general arbitration conventions framed by the two preceeding administrations and which have so far failed to receive the approval of the Senate, in the inclusion of the principal features of the "peace pacts" which Secretary Bryan has already negotiated with six nations, providing for a judicial investigation of the issue in any dispute before recourse to hostilities.

The finishing touch probably will be added to the Danish-American treaty in the early days of the new year. Secretary Bryan is confident that it will receive the approval of the Senate and that it will open the way for the conclusion of similar conventions with all of the nations with which the United States has already negotiated "peace pacts."

HINKEY TO BE COACH.

Famous End for Yale in '90s to Direct Next Year's Team.

Dayton, O., Dec. 24.—Frank Hinkey, star of the '90s, will be head coach of the Yale football eleven next fall. This announcement was made today by Capt. Nelson Talbott, at his home here for the holidays.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.—Frank Hinkey, who has been appointed head coach of the Yale football team, succeeds Howard Jones, who during the last season began his work as Yale's first salaried football coach under a contract. Jones, it is understood, severed his contract in order to accept a lucrative business proposition.

Hinkey was graduated from Yale in 1895. Many football experts regard him as one of the best ends that ever wore the blue. For the first time in many years, Hinkey assisted in the coaching at Yale field last fall. He is known as an advocate of the open style of play and is a firm believer in the forward pass.

WORKING ON DETAILS.

Of New Financial System for The Country.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretaries McAdoo and Houston today began working out details of the new financial system instituted by the currency law.

Together with the comptroller of the currency, the two secretaries constitute a committee charged with the work of preliminary reorganization. The office of comptroller is vacant, however, and Secretaries McAdoo and Houston will proceed with the selection of cities where the federal reserve banks are to be located, and other matters in connection with inauguration of the new arrangement.

The flow of applications formembership in the new system was greatly accelerated today, and one of the first duties of the secretaries will be promulgation of rules for acceptance of this.

"We do not propose to let any grass grow under the feet of the organization committee," said Secretary McAdoo today. "We are going at these problems carefully but quickly."

CHESS TOURNAMENT A TIE

Second Time That Same Result Has Been Reached Between Players.

New York, Dec. 24.—The third and final round of the inter-collegiate chess tournament ended today in a tie between Columbia and Yale is the second time that a tie has been recorded. Yale tied Harvard in 1909.

Today's tournament gave the following results:

Columbia 3 versus Princeton 1, and Yale 3 1-2 versus Harvard one-half The final totals:

Columbia won 6 1-2, lost 5 1-2; Yale 6 1-2 and 5 1-2, Princeton 6 and 6 and Harvard 5 and 7.

If the 22 tournaments which have been played Columbia and Harvard have won nine each and Princeton and Yale one each.

COMMITS MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Woman Kills Man and Later Shoots Herself.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—William Murphy, forty years old, was shot dead in front of his home in West Philadelphia today by Catherine Witman 35. The woman then ran to her home about a block away and committed suicide by shooting. Miss Witman was a friend of Murphy's wife, from whom he had been separated for several months. A few days ago Hurphy had his wife and Miss Witman arrested on a charge of annoying him and they were held in $300 bail each to keep the peace.

Dancing Pumps for Holidays at Peterson & Rulfs. de 25-28
(advertisement.)

NEW YORK BANKS ENTER.

Practically All of National Banks of City Make Application.

New York, Dec. 24.—Three of the 36 National banks in Greater New York have already signified their intention to take out Federal charters under the new currency law. They are the Hanover National, the Gotham National, and the National Reserve Bank.

Practically all other National institutions of the city and State, it is expected, will take similar action soon.

The Clearing House Association which comprises all the local National banks of importance, will hold a special meeting in the near future and place itself on record respecting the new law. It is believed that the clearing house will registers its endorsement of the measure.

AMERICAN TEAM WINNING.

Reports Say That Touring Team is Sweeping Everything.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—A private cable received today reports that the team of four American athletes visiting the antipodes, is sweeping everything before it.

In the meet held Saturday at Invercargill, N. Z., Templeton, of the Olympic Club, San Francisco, defeated Kedell, the champion of Australia, in the 120 yards high hurdle, in 16 seconds, flat.

Caughey, of Ukiah, Cal., a high school lad, put the shot 42 feet, 4 1-2 inches, 8 1-2 inches better than the New Zealand record.

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 24.—Lines of people outside the Bank of London and Mexico were longer than ever today. Only limited amounts were paid out. None of the banks has taken advantage of the holidays decreed by President Huerta.

Special dance tonight at the Elite. (advertisement.)

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Goodman's—Greeting.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Greeting.
Academy of Music—Vaudeville.
American National Bank—Greeting.
People's Savings Bank—Greeting.
Murchison National Bank—Greeting.
Bijou Theatre—Special Xmas Features.
Grand Theatre—Special Xmas Features.

Business Locals.

Lost—Fox Terrier.
Position Wanted—Band Sawyer.
Position Wanted—By Young Man.
Clark-Lynch Lumber Co.—Merry Xmas.

Business Locals

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LOST OR STOLEN—Fox terrier. Name Tige. One black ear and black spots on back. Reward, if returned to S. J. Owen, 419 South 4th. de25-1t*

MERRY CHRISTMAS to Everybody. Clark-Lynch Lumber Co. de25-1t

POSITION WANTED by a good band sawyer. Good references. Good personal habits. Strictly sober. Address "M. S.," care Star. de25-1t*

WANTED—Position by young man. Common school education. Address Fenimore, care Star. de25-1t*

A PRACTICAL, experienced farmer, capable of assuming entire control of a large farm, wants position for 1914. Address Box 561, Wilmington, N. C. de23,25,27,28-4t*

SPECIAL DANCE TONIGHT at the Elite Dancing Academy. Music by full orchestra. Starts 8:30 o'clock. Regular price; no advance. de25-1t

WANTED—A FEW experienced colored women for ironing laundry. Apply Friday A. M. Wilmington Steam Laundry. de25-2t

LAST CALL—Holly and mistletoe ice cream for Christmas. Pure, sweet cream; enough for all, 50c. quart. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co.; 'Phone 485. de24-tf

10 CENTS MILK to everybody. We having made a purchase of several car loads of feed at a very favorable price, we can now sell our patrons, friends, housewives, and the public generally at this price, after their present supply of tickets gives out. Thanking you all for past favors, we solicit your patronage in future. Also sweet cream for Christmas. Best in the city. 'Phone all orders to 1760. Glenwood Dairy Farm. de24,25,27,28-4t

DRESSED GOOSE, dressed chickens and dressed turkeys. Very best of beef, veal and lamb. Fresh and corned pork hams. Very best celery and lettuce in city. Fancy grape fruit and Florida oranges. We'll appreciate your business. Palace Market, 108 So. Front street. 'phone 72. de24-tf

ORANGES, ORANGES, ORANGES, $1.15 a hundred. This is a nice, medium size California sweet orange; delivered anywhere in city at $1.15 per hundred. 'Phone 1958. L. T. New. de24-1t

FRUITS, FRUITS—Fancy fruit and fancy fruit baskets must go. Mixed nuts, 2 pounds for 25 cents. Crystal Palace Confectionery, 115 Market. de24-1t*

POSITION WANTED—Young man with seven years' experience in hardware business, desires position January 1st. References guaranteed satisfactory. Address "D. H. C.," care Star office. de23-3t

MECHANICS' HOME Association. Old and strong, opens new series Building and Loan stock, Jan. 3rd, 1914. Subscribe now. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de23-3t

FOR RENT—One nicely furnished bed room for gentleman only. Good location: car line; all modern conveniences; hot and cold water; steam heat, moderate rental. Apply 709 Princess street. de23-3t

NOTICE—If party who found diamond brooch last week will return same, a reward will be given and no questions asked. If not returned promptly, legal proceedings may be started, as finder's name is known. H. Mack Godwin, Special Officer. de23-3t

CHEAP LUMBER — We have for quick sale for cash 300,000 feet common dressed sheathing at $11.00 per thousand feet, delivered in quantities of 500 feet up, to any part of the city, Sunset Park, Carolina Heights or Winoca Terrace. Chadbourn Lumber Co.; 'Phone 677. de21-6t

SPECIAL TODAY—Grape Fruit, 5c. each; tangerines, 20c. a dozen; oranges, 15, 20, 25, 35 and 50c. a dozen. E. F. Noe. 'Phone 1174-J. 609 Castle street. de17-tf

FOX RIVER BUTTER, 3 lbs. for $1.00. Monogram flour, 35c. bag; lard, 12 and 15 cents. E. F. Noe; 'Phone 1174-J. 609 Castle street. de17-tf

FOR SALE — One of the best grocery stands in Wilmington. Possession at once, or after January 1st. Reason for selling, other business. Kure Bros., 4th and Nun streets. de21-tf

WANTED—Position as stenographer and typewriter by a young man with experience. Address "M," care Star. de23,25,28-3t*

A PRACTICAL, experienced foreman, capable of assuming entire control of a large farm, wants position for 1914. Address Box 561, Wilmington, N. C. de23,25,27,28-4t*

GOVERNMENT POSITIONS are easy to get. My free booklet, Y-1319, tells how. Write today. Now. Earl Hopkins, Washington, D. C. de3,7,10,14,17,21,24,28,31-9t

A GOOD CHANCE for a hustler. For rent, one brand new store, 30x40, all glass front, next to Seventh and Castle streets. Also 7-room dwelling, over the store; all modern conveniences. Apply to J. B. Fales, 518 Castle st. de17-tf

FOR XMAS PRESENTS see Uncle Charles. A full line of high grade jewelry, comprising diamonds, watches, bracelets mesh bags, cuff links, etc. Our prices are right. 16 So. Front street; 'phone 642. de19-tf

BOOKS MAKE the best of Christmas gifts. I have 72 late publications (all since 1911), embracing biographical, historical, poetical and fiction works. All first edition, cloth bound, cost from $1 to $2.25 each. Some of them have been read once. The entire set for $35, if sold this week. Address "Bookworm," care Star. de19-2t*

WANTED — Second-hand upright piano of standard make, in good condition. State lowest cash price. Address "Piano," care Star. de20-6t

THIS COLUMN is more eagerly scanned each morning by Wilmington men and women than is the most engaging piece of news, local or otherwise, in any part of the paper. You're the loser if your announcement is not found here. One cent a word; minimum charge, 25c. Cash to accompany all orders. oc15-tf

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FOR RENT—Commodious room, with two single beds, suitable for gentlemen, near bath room. Also nicely furnished bed room for gentleman or couple. Block from Postoffice. 'Phone 773. No. 216 North Second street. no30-tf

FOR SALE—One perfectly sound horse. Or will exchange for larger horse. Also want to buy a good cheap buggy. Chas. C. Hopkins, 18 South Front street. no26-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets, junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Electric lights and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Rates to regular and table boarders. A. M. Gilbert, Prop. no6-tf

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Books Make the Best Gift

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H. E. GOODWIN,
de 25-1t. Traffic Manager.

Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

W. B. Cooper
WHOLESALE GROCER,
Wilmington, N. C.

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Mechanical Typesetting

Seventy-one years ago type was set by machine. December 17th, 1842, James Young, of London, set type for his paper, The Family Herald, with a type-composing machine. It was a crude affair and was scoffed at by the typesetters of that day. In spite of ridicule, Young kept on and others took up the idea. The present methods of rapid machine typesetting tell the story of success.

When a young man begins to save his money, his companions often make sport of the idea, but time tells the story and that same young man, if he perseveres, will soon be in a position to turn the laugh into real admiration and respect.

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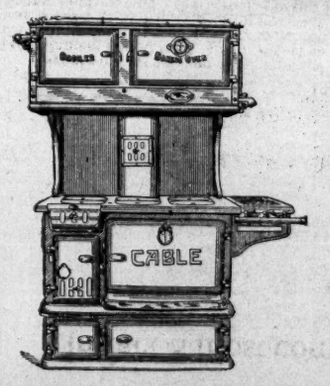

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